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10th "	ORIENTAL	5294	MOLDAVIA	10000
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31st "	PERSIA	7931	.....	.....
7th Apl.	ORIENTAL	5294	MOOLTAN	10000
14th "	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
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28th "	CALEDONIA	7598	.....	.....
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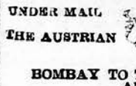

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Begonia 2346 tons Captain R A Goodridge arrived in harbour on Sunday from Karachi in ballast

THE steamer Africander 1771 tons Captain E R Large sailed yesterday for Leith with a general cargo

THE steamer Lismore 2277 tons Captain T R Slane sailed yesterday for Colombo in ballast

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kola 498 tons Captain F Chappell arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo and passengers

THE B I S N Co's steamer Linga 838 tons Captain R J Rickford R N R sailed yesterday for Karachi via coast ports with a general cargo and passengers

THE B I S N Co's steamer Ula 2456 tons Captain J W Livingstone arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta with a cargo of coal and oil and a number of deck passengers

THE B I S N Co's steamer Goalpara 1358 tons Captain W Moxon will sail to-day for Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo and a number of deck passengers

THE B I S N Co's steamer Vadala 2164 tons Captain J Skinner arrived in harbour on Sunday from Moulmein via Rangoon and Colombo with a cargo of rice.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra 762 tons Captain C Seddon arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi via coast ports, with a general cargo and 8 cabin and a number of deck passengers

THE Anchor Line steamer Circassia 4315 tons Captain A Haig arrived in harbour on Sunday from Glasgow and Liverpool with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Capt A H Bailey Rev A O Becker Mrs Miss B E and Master L Becker Mrs S Booth Mr W A Brood Major J R B G and Mrs Carter and infant Mrs Mis L M and Miss G C Crawshaw Capt A W Daldy Mr K Ffrench Miss M W Field Mr J Greenwood Mrs Grimshaw and 2 children Dr J Marsh Mr W F Maxwell Mr W W Nind Mrs M H Oldfield and 2 infants Mrs Pilkington Mr D Quinlan Mrs G H Salzmann Mr W H Skaife Mrs Tervet Mrs M Tripp and infant Mrs H Turnbull Mr J C Walker Miss Warren Capt G and Mrs Young and Mr J Turner

ARRIVAL OF THE CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

THE P and O Co's steamer Delta 4743 tons Captain C L Daniel which arrived in Bombay on Sunday from Shanghai via intermediate ports with China and Australian mails a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr Morita Mr Rahim Major and Mrs Rawlinson Mr and Miss Little Mr Cesarine Mr and Mrs Brehiman, Mr and Mrs Kihitz Mr E Brown Mr and Miss McMurtrie Miss McNawarta Miss Barry and a number of deck

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
29	Kola s	Chappell	Bareh. Jan 20
	Circassia s	Haig	Glasgow, Dec 28
	Vadala s	Skinner	Moulmein, Jan 13
	Ula s	Livingstone	Calcutta, Jan 16
	Dumra s	Seddon	Karachi, Jan 27

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
29	Africander s	Large	Leith
	Lismore s	Sloane	Colombo
	Linga s	Rickford	Karachi, &c

The steamer Goalpara, Moxon, for Persian Gulf, obtained her portclearance yesterday

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Nippon, for Trieste, &c
" Scharzfels, for Hamburg, &c
" Black Prince, for Liverpool, &c
" Delta, for China
" Circassia, for Liverpool, &c
" Westminister, for Hull, &c
" Imaum, for Marseilles and Liverpool, &c
" Dumra, for Persian Gulf, &c

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Florio and Rubattino S N Co's steamer Capri, from Bombay arrived at Singapore on the 29th inst.
The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Istria, from Bombay, arrived at Aden on the afternoon of the 28th instant

DAILY EXPORTS.—JAN. 29.

FOR LIVERPOOL

Boscombe s—100 bales cotton Ralli Bros 2003 cwt myrabollams W Becher; 30 bales wool D Khimjee
Britannia s—2 bales wool M Ratansi 5.0 cwt oil cakes Glade and Co
Begonia s—1670 cwt myrabollams W Becher; 1000 tons manganese ore Kiddle Reeve and Co

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—64 bales skins and hides R M Kooka 49 cwt condiments Army and Navy Co-operative Society; 12 bales skins and 15 bales goat hair M J Joomabhoy and Co; 60 cases ghee and 21 cases dry fish F R Hill and Co; 25 cwt cuttle fish H A Mohomed; 80 bales hemp Gill and Co; 142 bales hides and skins W and A Graham and Co; 56 balds hides and skins H M Aba

FOR SPAIN

Imaum s—1100 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers

FOR MARSEILLES

Circassia s—11880 cwt linseed and 34600 cwt gingellyseed J Fachiri
Imaum s—4700 cwts mowrassed 1001 cwt linseed and 1293 cwt teelseed Ralli Bros

FOR HAVRE.

Ville-de-Tamatave s—2060 cwt myrabollams W Becher 5355 cwt gingellyseed N Khairaz and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Canara s—7333 cwt linseed and 34100 cwt teelseed Ralli Bros 222 bales cotton W stenhd fly K Hurmukhrai and Co; 220 bales cotton G Gejpal and Co
Clan Urquhart s—110 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co; 150 bales himp J N Kapadia and Co; 110 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 275 bales cotton Glade and Co

FOR HONGKONG

Delta s—75 cwt sharkfins and 175 bales twist C Ebrahim and Co; 100 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co 155 cwt sharkfins and fishmaws A Chagla and Co; 200 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co; 180 cwt olibanum and 46 cwt hyna oil D Vullibhoy

FOR SHANGHAI.

Delta s—700 bales twist Tata and Co; 1000 bales twist N Phiroz; 1000 bales twist Talaci and Co; 300 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co; 700 bales twist C Ebrahim and Co; 200 bales twist David Sassoon and Co; 1200 bales twist E No rdlin and Co; 600 bales twist C Bomonjee and Co; 130 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co 150 tons old iron Killick Nixon and Co

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FEBRERS NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.
Bombay, January 30.

74 Detail—To-morrow Wednesday the 31st inst—The Battalion will parade at Sir Richard Temple's Statue under the Adjutant at 6 p m.
Dress—Uniform, Drill Order. Subject—Fire Discipline and Rifle Exercises
75 Camp of Exercise—Volunteers when travelling by the G I P Ry to and from the Camp of Exercise are requested to sign their names in the book kept by the Station Master for that purpose
76 Promotion—The Commanding Officer is pleased to make the following promotion:—No 3786 Vol P Hunter to be Cr Sergt "L" Coy to complete establishment
77 Transfer—No 3196 Vol A Hanson is transferred from "H" to "F" Coy from this date
78 Strength—The undernamed have been enrolled is posted to "F" Coy:—No 5790 Vol G Mungavin

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

["Gazette of India" January, 27]

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Lieut-Col D C Phillott 2nd Cavalry is confirmed in the appointment of Secy to the Board of Examiners Calcutta with effect from the 1st Oct
The services of Capt F H G Hutchinson M B I M S are placed permanently at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay with effect from the 3rd Jan
The services of Capt V E H Lindsay M B I M S Bengal are placed permanently at the disposal of the Govt of Bengal with effect from the 21st Nov
The services of Capt R D Saigol F R C S I M S are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of Burma employment on plague duty
The Reverend H W Blandford a junior chaplain on the Bengal, (Bangoom) ecclesiastical establishment, is promoted to be a senior chaplain with effect from the 8th Oct

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Mr W W Smart I O S a temporary Settlement Officer in Baluchistan is appointed temporarily to be an Assist to the Political Agent Kohat Nasirabad and Railway Dist
The Govern Genl in Council is pleased to recognise the appointment of Monsieur Charles Louis Claude Marie Paul Barret as Consul for France at Bombay

RAILWAY BOARD.

Mr B R Gales Exec Engr 1st grade State Railways is appointed Engr in Chief of the Bhatinda Sind Connection Railway Survey with the rank of Officiating Suptdig Engr with effect from the date he made over charge of the office of Engr in Chief Ganges Bridge Works viz the 27th Dec
Mr G A Anderson Suptdg Engr 1st class State Railways is on return from leave appointed Consulting Engr for Railways Madras

A CURIOUS rumour has been circulating in Afghanistan, regarding Russian policy in Central Asia. It is asserted, says the "Pioneer," that during the war with Japan the St. Petersburg Government promised certain concessions to its Mahomedan subjects in the Khanates, this being done with a view to keep them contented at a critical period. Now that the war is over, the people incline to the belief that the concessions will be withheld. They are said to have petitioned the Czar, through the Amir of Bokhara, praying that all the promises made may be fulfilled. The reply was a gracious one but the memorialists will probably have to wait a long time before any action is taken by the local officials. Russia has not time just now to redress Mahomedan grievances in Central Asia, for more urgent matters command her attention in the areas lately in open revolt.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON Jan. 27.

SECURITIES—

2 1-2 per cent. Consols	89	=	unchanged
3 do, Rentes	99 1-2	=	+ 1-4
3 1-2 do, Indian Sterling Loan	105 3-4	=	unchanged
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	66 3-16	=	do

SILVER—

Spot in London	33 3-16	=	+ 1-16
2 months hence	29 7-16	=	+ 1-4
Spot in New York	65 5-8	=	— 1-4

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25 13	=	— 1-2
Berlin	20 49 1-4	=	+ 1-4
New York Demand	4'87 1-2	=	+ 1-4

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3-4	do	= do
6 " " Fine Trade Bills	3 3-8	do	= do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	4 1-8	do	= do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4	do	= do
Day to day loans	3 7-8	do	= + 1-8
7 day market loans	3 7-8	do	=

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 10 1 1-2 Jan. flat
RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat 47 1 2 — 1-4 A-M sellers
Yellow Cawapore 47 3 8 F-M sellers
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 8 7-16

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total Sales 8,000. Spot 6·12 — 5. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 3-8. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000. Imports 44,000. Futures closed steady.

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.
5·19	5·99	6·02
—3	—3	—3
Apl.-May	May-June	June-July
6·05	6·07	6·08
—3	—3	—3
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sep.	Sep.-Oct.
6·03	6·02	5·79
—3	—3	—2

Receipts at U S Ports ... 13,000
Do last year ... 19,000
Exports to Great Britain ... nil
Do do Continent ... 22,000

IN NEW YORK—
Spot ... 11·70
Futures, month of March ... 11·19—2
Do, do, July ... 11·40—2 } a

a Advanced early owing to firm cables and declined later through bear pressure and bulls unloading.

IN NEW ORLEANS—
Spot ... 11 3-8
Futures, month of March ... 11·33—3
Do, do, May ... 11·48—3
Tone at close ... steady.

COTTON.

	Bales.
Stock of Cotton in Liverpool	1,140,000
Stock in London	12,000
Total visible supply	4,190,000
	—130,000
Total visible supply East Indian	226,000
Total quantity in sight	7,760,000

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 27th Jan. 1906:—

Cotton	13,885 bales.
Wheat	4,863 cwts.
Linseed	3,122 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,516 do
Gingellyseed	17,823 do
Poppyseed	580 do
Groundnut	1,205 do
Castorseed	2,887 do
Rice	6,310 do
Myrabollams	7,598 do
Cottonseed	23,474 do
Mowrseed	98 do
Gram	645 do
Joowar	261 do
Maize	32 do

BOMBAY, JAN. 29.

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	1s 4 3-32d,		
Bank Demand	1s 4 3-32d.		
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D.A.	1s 4 5-16d.		
Do. 6 do. do.	1s 4 7-16d.		
French Francs 3 do. do.	170 3-4d.		
Marcks 3 do. do.	139 1-2		
Hongkong 30 Days Sight	147		
Shanghai 30 do.	204		
Japan 30 do.	149 1-4		

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone steady.

Cash	98 7		
1st Settlement, 31st January	98 9		
2nd do 28th February	99 15		

Money Market. Tone steady.
BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 28th Sept.	4	per cent.	
Bank of Bombay do. 4th	Jan. 8	do.	
Bank of Bengal do. 4th	" 8	do.	
Bank of Madras do. 16th	" 8	do.	

SEEDS.

LINSEED—Tone steady.	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	8	4	0
Forward	8	6	0
RAPESEED.—Tone quiet.			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready	7	3	0
Do. Forward	7	4	0
Yellow Cawnpore Ready	7	14	0
Do. Forward	8	0	0
POPPYSEED—Tone quiet.			
Ready	8	13	0
Forward	8	14	0
CASTORSEED—steady.			
Ready	35	0	0
Forward	34	0	0
GINGELLYSEED—Tone firm.			
Howree Khandeish	48	0	0
15 per cent. Mixed	47	0	0
WHEAT—Tone quieter.			
White new Delhi	5	6	0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	quiet.
Estimated sales	10,000 Bales
Imports	6,000 "

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
5·96	5·96	5·99
—3	—3	—3
April-May	May-June,	June-July
6·02	6·04	6·05
—3	—3	—3
July-Aug	Aug.-Sept,	Sept.-Oct,
6·05	5·99	5·76
—4	—4	—3

COTTON.—The market is quiet with only a small enquiry from buyers both for ready and forward delivery. Quotations show little change from Saturday. Closing Sutta rates are as follows:—

Broach M.-G. Good, March ... Rs. 226
Bengals Fully Good, March ... " 194

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Dely.
Bengal, H. G. (Ry. terms)	200	192	...	Ready
Bengals (H.-G.) Ry. terms	200	190	...	Feb. 25.
Oomrawutee descriptions (M.-G.)	222	216	...	Ready
Oomrawutees (descriptions) M.-G.	222	216	...	Feb. 25.
Khandeish, (M.-G.)	218	212	...	Ready
Do. (M.-G.)	218	212	...	Feb. 25.
Khundwa (M.-G.)	218	212	...	Ready
Do.	217	...	...	Feb. 25.
Khangaum, fair staple (M.-G.)				
Karanja do. (M.-G)	223	217	...	Ready
Akola do. (M.-G.)	223	217	...	Feb 25.
Oomra, good staple (M.-G.)	235	229	...	Ready
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G.)	232	226	...	
Do. (M.-G.)	232	226	...	Feb. 25.
Broach (M.-G.)	239	233	...	Ready
Do. (M.-G.)	209	257	...	Mar 25.
Yeotmal (M.-G.)	235	239	...	Ready
Do. (M. G.)	234	2 8	...	Feb. 25
Muttia (M.-G.)	219	213	...	Ready
Do.	218	212	...	Feb. 25.
Western	233			May 25.
Bengal (M.-G.)	216	199	...	Ready
Do.	208	198	...	Feb. 25.
Sind-Punjab	212	203	...	Ready
Do	209	192	...	Feb. 25.
Julgaum	213		...	Ready
Do.	214		...	Feb. 25,
Nagpur and Kamptee	237	231	...	Ready
Do.	232		...	Feb. 25.
Barsee	232		...	Ready

THE BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 20th January as compared with the statement of the 27th Jan.:—

LIABILITIES.	Jan. 21. Rs.	Jan. 27. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	80,00,00	80,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	47,31,490	47,32,312
Public Deposits at Branches	42,17,993	44,93,073
Other Deposits	7,22,53,485	7,13,92,183
Post Bills	12,636	10,534
Sundries	14 89,937	15 12,940
Rs.	10,23 07,518	10,14,94,097
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,11,80,204	1,12,88,199
Other authorised Securities	36,99,217	36,65,925
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	1,07,13,220	1,27,93,689
Loans do. do.	1,41,97,532	1,51,14,443
Bills discounted and purchased	3,43,07 991	3,47,24 302
Dead Stock	2,70,818	2,70,818
Stamps and Stationery	4 957	4,952
Balances with other Banks	14,66,001	11,75,670
Sundries	1,39,770	1,45,631
Cash	2,58,67,768	2,23,03,078
	10,23,07,518	10,14,94,097

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notice (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs 2 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional lines. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

DEALY—January 19, at Sibi, the wife of Major John A Dealy, Royal Engineers, of a son.
HOWELL—January 16, at Dhubri, the wife of Major A A Howell, I A, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

ARGLES—January 22, at Gorakhpur, William Henry Argles, the beloved husband of Mrs M Argles and son of the late Captain G V Argles, aged 56 years.
OWENS—January 9, at Jaipur Rajputana, Robert Crouly James Owens, age 46 years.

Rx Bombay. Dec. 1905.

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 35m. Sun sets, 5h. 52m. High water, 2-23m, 3-5s. Low water, 8-53m., 8-35s.
Mr. Jalbhai D. Bharda's lecture, Framjee Cowasjee Institute, 6-30 S. T.
Evening Concert by Mr. J. Doraswami, Town Hall, 9-30 p.m. S. T.
Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p. m. (S. T.)

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delegoa Bay and other places in South Africa per extra S.S. "Umfoli" via Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 a.m. on the 5th, and also Supplementry mails will be closed on 6th February 1906 at 7-30 p.m.

FATAL CART ACCIDENT.—Bhiwa Pandurang, a Hindu lad, aged 12, was on Sunday night jumping off a labour cart which was proceeding along Agripada Road, when his foot slipped and he fell with the result that one of the wheels of the cart passed over him, killing him almost instantaneously.

COCAINE PROSECUTION.—At the Esplanade Police Court, Bombay, yesterday, before Mr. Kursondas Chabildas, Inspector Hassan charged Ali Mahomed Osman, a Mahomedan, with having in his possession a quantity of cocaine without a licence. On receiving certain information the police raided the accused's house at Koombharwada on Sunday evening, when a packet containing cocaine was found. The accused was fined Rs. 150.

MR. JALBHAI BHARDA'S LECTURE.—The second lecture of the season under the auspices of the "Dnyan Prasarak Mandali" will be delivered in Gujarati at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute at 6-30 p. m. Indian Standard Time to-day, by Mr. Jalbhai Dorabji Bharda, B. A., Joint-Principal, "New High School." The topic selected for the evening is "A neighbour world—the Planet Mars." The lecture will be illustrated by the lantern and is open to the public, front seats being reserved for ladies and members of the Mandali as usual.

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—By kind permission of Col. Hogge and the Officers, the following programme of Music will be played by the Band of the 113th Infantry at the Victoria Gardens to-morrow (Wednesday) at 6 p. m (S. T.):—

March	The Bohemians ... A Lewis
Overture	Haydee ... Aub r
Selection	The little Michees ... A Messarger
Valse	Acclamations ... E Waldteufel
Two Steps	Mumblin Moss ... F W Thurban
Selection	Veronique ... A Messarger

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL COMMANDING B. V. A.
Bombay, January 30.

DRILLS

No 1 Coy—6" B L C gun drill at Mahaluxmi to-day, Tuesday the 30th inst. Parade at Grant Road Station at 3-37 p m
Train leave Colaba 5-15 p m Church Gate at 5-32 p m
10" B M L gun drill in the Town Hall compound on Thursday the 1st proximo at 3-45 p m
No 2 Coy—6" B L C gun drill at Mahaluxmi to day, Tuesday the 30th instant at 3 p m
10" R M L gun drill and lecture at Nesbit Road Headquarters on Thursday the 1st proximo at 3-30 p m

PRACTICE.

The corps will parade at the B V A Club Apollo Bunder on Saturday the 3rd proximo and proceed to Colaba North Fort to continue the practice from the 19th B M L

E E COY.

The E E Coy will parade at 6-30 p m to-day, Tuesday the 30th inst on the Apollo Bunder and proceed to Middle Ground for Manning Defence Light Stations.
The following transfer will take place with effect from the 17th instant:—
Sapper A. Barry from E E Coy to No 2 Coy and posted to No 3 Sub-Division
Sapper J Wade having resigned is struck off the strength with effect from the 16th instant

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NOTICE.

The following is the result of the Spoon Competition of the 20th instant:—

200 yds	Shots	Total
Gr O M P Clyne	7	29*
Gr J W Mason	7	26
Gr A Holden	8	23

* Winner of Spoon

600 yds		
Gr J W Mason	7	29*
Gr A Holden	8	29
Gr O M P Clyne	7	26

* Winner of Spoon

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1. Unless there are four entries in the class the Committee reserve to themselves the right of not holding the same.
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5. All entries to be made to the Honorary Secretary Bombay Dog Show, Mr. Douglas Bennett, of the Arthur Crawford Markets Bombay.
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UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION for CONFERRING DEGREES will be held in the Sir Cowasji Jehanghier Hall, of the University, at 5-45 P. M., on TUESDAY, the 20th February, 1906.

Candidates entitled to Degrees and desirous of being admitted are requested to send in their applications so as to reach the Registrar not later than Saturday, the 10th February, 1906. Candidates are requested to state whether they wish to attend the Convocation or be admitted to their Degrees IN ABSENTIA.

FARDUNJI M. DASTUR, M.A,
University Registrar.

Bombay, 29th January, 1906.

GOVERNMENT AND THE "STATESMAN."

THREE weeks ago the Calcutta "Statesman" gave publicity to a Note penned some four years earlier, by the late Viceroy on the subject of the partition of Bengal and Berar and other matters, in which his Excellency complained of being kept in the dark by his advisers. There is much in it which is inconsequential. But to enable our readers to judge of the merits of the present case it is necessary to quote the following passage:—

"I really feel disposed to ask, is there no such thing as a head of the Government and what are Secretaries for but to keep him acquainted with administration? Would it be considered credible outside the Departments that these really very important issues affecting the constitution or dismemberment of Provinces, should have been under discussion for more than a year without a file ever being sent or the subject even mentioned to the Viceroy? They are all matters in which I take a great interest, in which I should be unfit to be the head of the Government if I did not take such an interest and which I have frequently discussed with Lieutenant-Governors and Chief Commissioners. Meanwhile, Departments, without a word to me, are also discussing it among themselves. Even the Finance Member had an opportunity of recording his opinion upon the manner in which India ought to be parcelled out, and finally at the end a cut and dried reply is submitted to the Viceroy as though his signature were a sort of obligatory, but perfunctory, postscript to the entire discussion. I do not suppose for one moment that this has been a conscious omission or that there has been in any body's mind the faintest idea of conducting the discussion except according to the most orthodox methods, but that is just where my complaint comes in. People sometimes ask what departmentalism is? To any such I give this case as an illustration of departmentalism. It is not a moral delinquency, it is an intellectual hiatus, a complete absence of thought or apprehension of anything outside the purely departmental aspects of a matter under discussion for fourteen months. It never occurred to a single human being in the departments to mention the matter or to suggest that it should be mentioned; round and round like the diurnal revolution of the earth went the file stately, solemn, sure and slow, and now in due season it has completed its orbit and I am invited to register the concluding stage."

The text was reproduced, wholly or in part, all over India—merely for what it was worth, and no one believed it credible that a head of the Government, who was generally credited with initiating every reform which came about during his administration, could really have been kept in the dark or that he ever wrote this particular minute. In Lord Curzon's own words: "Imagine a discussion as to the boundaries of the Orange River Colony and Natal without the knowledge of Lord Milner. Imagine a Redistribution Bill in England behind the back of the Prime Minister." Either such event were impossible, and equally improbable any important matter discussed in India without the fullest and freest consultation with Lord Curzon. The whole thing seemed impossible, and the general feeling was that our contemporary had been hoaxed. The voice was Jacob's voice but the hands were the hands of Esau. The mess of potage was bogus. It was too highly seasoned to be genuine. And as a hoax it would still have been regarded, had it not been that the Government of India took the matter up, and after correspondence with the "Statesman," issued a resolution which stamps the document as bona fide. It asserts that it was of a confidential character and that its publication was a gross breach of journalistic propriety and an indiscretion on the part of the Editor.

There are various standpoints from which the publication of the document must be regarded. It was doubtless to the interest of the Government of India that it should not have been permitted to go outside the four walls of the Secretariat; though its publication was not calculated to do nearly so much harm as that of, say, the Curzon-Kitchener correspondence, which in all conscience ought to have been regarded as doubly confidential. Had it made its appearance earlier than four years after date it might have been mischievous, but its issue at the present time renders it as harmless as a tail-less scorpion. From the enterprising journalistic point of view the document was worth more than its weight in gold and the London pressman who let slip the opportunity of such a sensation, or who allowed it to appear, as our contemporary did, on a back page and without a half-dozen attractive headlines, would have taken a compulsory stroll down Fleet Street within twenty-four hours. Even if a hoax the copy was valuable; as a page from the Secret Cabinet of History, it was priceless. Had the "Statesman" been a Government organ, an official publication and the editor a Government servant, the matter might have been different. The "Statesman" is a purely independent newspaper, written for the people and read by them. It seems Mr. Ratcliffe had the note in his possession for a couple of months and he was so far considerate of others' feelings that it was not until the author of the document had gone and other important changes had taken place, that he gave it publicity. As he says, however, there was nothing to denote that it was to be regarded as confidential. Furthermore its heading is misleading. "Note by the Viceroy. Memorial from Madan Mohan Mizra and others of the Sambalpur District regarding the substitution of Hindi for Uriya as the Court Language of that District." And what it has to say on that subject is the least interesting of its contents. Lord Curzon's essay on Departmentalism is the cream of it.

Departments are not individuals and no individual is mentioned. Secretaries are only referred to "en masse." Governments, departments, secretaries are freely criticised at Home. Names are mentioned without compunction.—High officials tear and rend one another with impunity and Press comments are severe. But there is no complaint—official or otherwise. There should have been none here. The document and its contents had been already forgotten and they would have remained so. But now we shall have the whole business, trivial at the most, dragged before the public both here and at Home. We shall have questions in Parliament and a general protest against official interference with the liberty of the Press. Had our contemporary been guilty of publishing seditious writings, Government might have been justified in taking the measures it has and in ignoring the provisions of the Official Secrets Act. But by "boycotting" the "Statesman" in this instance it resorts to an unworthy expedient, the effect of which will be to do itself more harm than it will the "Statesman." We are reluctant to believe that Lord Minto has sanctioned the sentence which has been passed,—unless Lord Curzon's comments are true to-day, if they were not in 1902, that the file has "completed its orbit" and he has only been asked to register the concluding stage. However our contemporary will feel the injustice rather than the actual severity of the punishment. It is a thoroughly independent organ, dependent on none but its readers and advertisers. It is well conducted and impartially critical, but it will not, we imagine, deal hearafter any the more leniently with what it considers the shortcomings of our legislators than it has done hitherto.

A FORETASTE.

ONLY by the mail have we received any intimation of the extraordinary address issued to his late constituents in Battersea by the Rt. Hon. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board. There are on record the strange methods of candidates before the abolition of the hustings but, we have no doubt whatever, that no one can produce such an extraordinary plea for favour as that offered by "The working man's Friend." We have stated frankly before that we are not duped by the cry of the working man and his brother the permanently "unemployed." We do not admire the methods they advocate and still less do we admire the language they use in their cause. We do not expect the silk purse which, it is said, cannot be made out of the pig's ear, but we at least expect some colourable imitation of decency. And we are disappointed. "For fourteen years I have had the honour of representing Battersea in the Commons House of Parliament." It is still the honour of Mr. John Burns, it has become the disgrace of Battersea. As a Labour Member he had to say and do things which grated on the ears of those who have the welfare of the country, perhaps more at heart than he has, but it was his role, and the country was willing to make due allowances. For the almost insufferable conceit which he displayed, provoking one paper to the headline "The Rt. Hon. John Bragg, M. P.," on his elevation to Office, the country was also willing to make allowance, recognising the class of man in question. For the publisher of a seditious address as a means of retaining his seat in Parliament every right-thinking man has nothing but utter contempt. And this is what Mr. Burns has done. It is unnecessary here to criticise the whole of his electoral address which occupies two columns. It is divided into two parts, self praise and that which, we hope, will prove the final straw which will break his back. One quotation of the former part will suffice: "An attempt is being made to alienate your confidence in me, and to undermine the continuance of my loyal work for you, because I have dared to pioneer a new path for the ideals, the aims, and the legislative activities of the working classes in the conscious ordering by themselves of their political, social, and industrial future. I look to, and rely upon, the loyalty of Labour, its gratitude for work done, its appreciation of the solid, sober, disciplined amelioration of its lot by my past services, to again renew, through its electoral support, its confidence and trust." It has done so despite his least assertion despite a frank declaration for Home Rule. This is a purely party question, but it is not a labour party question and serves but to show that he was willing to catch any vote that might once more put him in favour with those who have the giving of Ministerial Offices.

That to which we have referred, however, is his frank demand for the "Abolition of the House of Lords and all hereditary authorities." We would be glad to think, because he is an Englishman, that he did not realise the meaning of the words to which he put his name, but no candidate ever allows his address to go before his constituents without giving it the most careful consideration and therefore we are justified in believing that Mr. Burns has knowingly advocated the abolition of the Monarchy. The working man is fond of the use of long words and involved sentences, which he frequently fails to understand, and it may be that many of those who recorded their vote for the ex-member did not realise the exact meaning of his words. But to the rest of the nation it is clear to what depths he has descended. Waiting his time until chance has given him an official position he has gone beyond the demands of the greatest English Socialist. If the good name of the nation is to rest in the hands of Mr. Burns and those who suport him in this demand, then there are many who will regretfully confess their sorrow at being his fellow countrymen. For less Mr. Bradlaugh was made to suffer, and we have every right to ask that Mr. Burns shall not be allowed to hold an office in the appointment of the Crown until he has made a full apology for the opinions to which he has given utterance. This is the mildest view which can be taken If he still objects to the continuance of the Monarchy, which is the highest and most unquestioned "hereditary authority" in these realms, then we object to his being allowed even to enter the Chamber of the House. The Unionist Party has comparatively few representatives in the new Parliament, but there can be none others of the Liberal Party, besides Mr. Burns, who will countenance sedition amongst their ranks, and we shall be extremely surprised if Mr. Burns be allowed to enter the House, when Parliament assembles, without molestation. In the whole of his address there is scarcely a word which will appeal to thoughtful men The most casual reader cannot but see that it is a sermon on the doctrines of Socialism padded with abuse of the "ignorant upper classes." We await with interest the view which will be taken by the other Ministers. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has proved himself capable of pleasing two differently minded audiences at the same time; now he can only have one audience and it remains to be seen whether he will, without public pressure, do that which can alone bring Mr. Burns to his senses.

CROWS.

Driven at last to despair by the crow nuisance, a number of residents in Marine Lines, entered upon a cruisade and, armed with guns, resorted to extreme measures. Yesterday morning the Marine Lines and the whole of the Esplanade Road from the Queen's Statue to the Fitzerald column, had a corvine corpse beneath each tree. The slaughter was immense, but, of course, not a tithe of the black-feathered population, nor enough to reduce the nuisance perceptibly. That is the original nuisance, for a new one, temporarily we hope, was created. The myrmidons of the much-vaunted Health Department swept the roads, but left the footpaths alone and for twenty-four hours at all events—perhaps longer, for the dead crows are still there as we write—they were decomposing and this morning were emitting a most offensive effluvium. The householders attempted to rid themselves of an unmistakable nuisance, but the Health Department neglected to second their efforts with what results we may hear hereafter. Not even the sanguinary corpse of a cat, which one sportsman, with a predilection for ground game and a better marksman than the rest, had added to the list of casualties, had been removed.

ANOTHER ILL-EFFECT OF STANDARD TIME.

AT an ancient church, not a thousand miles from the Bombay General Post Office, on Sunday evening, a high ecclesiastical dignitary made a singular slip. Whereas he should have read the evening prayers he began those chosen and prescribed for the morning. How to account for the incident we are at a loss, unless, as has been suggested, his intelligence refused to concur in the official assurance that it was evening while the sun was still high in the heavens. By some means or other the venerable gentleman suddenly became conscious that he was doing the things he ought not to do and leaving undone the things he ought to have done and he quickly glided on to the right track and so continued to the end. A somewhat similar incident occurred in low latitudes not long ago when the Commander of a gun-boat, formerly in the East India Squadron, was reading prayers in accordance with Admiralty regulations. "Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity" he began. Then as it dawned across him that it was the Third not the Second Sunday, the ruling passion and phraseology proved strong. "As you were" exclaimed he, in the voice and language, of the Quarter-deck, rather than the lectern, "Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity"—and so on.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. China with the outward mails of the 19th instant, left Aden at 9 a.m., on January 29, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 2 p.m., on Friday next.

A RESOLUTION is published in the "Gazette of India" relating to the constitution of the Bengal and Madras Service Family Pension Fund, notifying certain slight alterations in the rules.

NOTICE is given in the "Gazette of India" that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to recognise the appointment of M. Charles Louis Claude Marie Paul Barret as Consul for France in Bombay.

THE Madras Gymkhana Horse Show will be held on the Island on the 9th and 10th proximo. In addition to the entries which have already been registered, further entries will be received up to the 5th proximo at 7 p. m.

H. M. S. HYACINTH left Madras harbour yesterday in Company with H. M. S Fox, to proceed to Trincomalee. She will leave the latter vessel there and proceed to Bombay, where she will await the arrival of H. M. S, Hermes, which left England on January 26. The Admiral's flag will then be transferred to H. M. S. Hermes and the Hyacinth will leave for England.

OUR Bhownagar correspondent writes:—Prices of cereals are raised much this side almost beyond the means of poorer class. One has got to pay Rs. 2-0-0 for bajri and jowari per maund each, instead of Rs. 1-2-0, the former price and there is still a tendency to rise. A highway robbery took place near Rajpur, four miles from Sihore, under Bhownagar territory. It appears that a man was walking along the railroad when he was waylaid by some budmashes and relieved of Rs. 25 in cash and clothes.

THE Madras Chamber of Commerce, in making out its list of commercial holidays for 1906, included the 24th May, the birthday of the late Queen Victoria, under the designation of Empire Day, and substituted the 9th November, the actual birthday of the King, for the 26th June, his official birthday. The Madras Government declined to sanction either change and the Madras Chamber appealed to the Bengal Chamber for sympathy and support. The opinion of the Committee of the Bengal Chamber is that the substitution of the 9th November for the 24th June, is desirable for climatic reasons. But it is not disposed to make a definite pronouncement in regard to the establishment of an Empire Day, its feeling being that the gazetted holidays are already numerous enough. All members of the Bengal Chamber are now asked to record their votes on the question.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Viceroy and Governor-General will leave Calcutta on Monday, the 5th February, starting by special train from Howrah at 10 p.m. He will visit Bankipore, Ekma, Gaya, Daltonganj and Gidhaur, and return to Calcutta on Saturday, the 17th February. The party, accompanying His Excellency on tour, will be as follows:—Her Excellency the Countess of Minto, Lady Eileen Elliot, Lady Ruby Elliot, Lady Violet Elliot, Lady Mary Crichton, Hon'ble Mrs. Derek Keppel, Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Dunlop Smith, C.I.E., Private Secretary, Major G. P. T. Feilding, D.S.O., Offg. Military Secretary, Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Crooke-Lawless, Surgeon, Captain T. H. R. Bulkeley, Offg. Comptroller, Captain Lord Francis Scott, A.-D.-C., Captain the Earl of Rocksavage A.-D.-C., and Captain the Hon'ble A. Strutt, A.-D.-C.

A MOORLAND COTTAGE.

SHORTLY after the last tenant left, the roof fell in. Rain and storm have continued the demolition, so that now the weasel from the adjacent cairn ranges the walls for mice, and on moonlight nights Madge Howlet keans from the ivy tod upon the gable. Worse will follow. The farmer will cart away the stones for new walls, the garden will be merged in the field, and the plough will pass and repass over what was so recently the site of a homestead. Only for a season will the skeleton of the cottage, the litle enclosure, and the witch-fending rowan tree humanise one corner of a wilderness of gorse and furze with memories of Kirstie Birss.

Her maiden name had been Stewart, and perhaps her somewhat angular individuality was an instance of the curious persistency of clan character. She had something of the mental inflexibility of the royal race. Her narrow views she held with an unflinching tenacity and in her dealings with people knew nothing of genial art of compromise. Moreover a certain masterfulness which left no doubt as to which of the two members of the Birss household "wore the breeks" came out in her personal appearance. She was tall and broad-shouldered as the sergeant of a battery. She did not walk, she strode, and it was with a harbour-master's voice which carried over the fifteen-acre park that she roared the children from the new-sown land. Then she had her touch of pride. Those unpopular qualities gave Kirstie the name of being a terror, but I knew chiefly the tender side of her character called out by her troubles, and admired a certain swaggering way the had of singing her way through the little troubles and swearing her way through the big ones.

One of her troubles was her husband Sandy. He had a wooden leg, yet wore a kilt, and an immedicable feebleness of character in him was half redeemed by a quaint streak of genius. He had an inimitable gift as a whistler. A pair of long flexible lips which could now draw out to a form almost tubular, now pucker up into a mere orifice, enabled him to produce astonishing musical notes, now rich and round like those of a boxwood flute, or of the clearest argentine treble, or, again, of a nasal plangency like a harp-string twanged. Although his skill was somewhat run out when I knew him, it yet seemed to indicate that, drawn to the fields by his craft of mole-trapper, he had made the woods his conservatoire and the blackbird and the willow-wren his maestri. In his heyday he was a lion. Every social gathering in a farm kitchen claimed him, and no little concert in a public school for eight parishes round was complete without some exhibition of whistling by Sandy Birss. There is, however, lay a snare. With some temperaments sociality easily passes into conviviality, and Sandy became a devoted votary of the white wine of the country, and drank the god without water. The absurd gyres described by his wooden leg and the sudden spasms of running into which he had to break to retain his balance made him, when in his cups, an object of intense interest to the village children, and in two respects his mind underwent change also. He became a 'laudator temporis acti.' All his thoughts ran to the tune of The olden time ago past away, and weary are the new. It is said that, coming home one tempestuous night when the wind had blown the gravel over the snow at his cottage door, he thought it was the snow that had deteriorated, and was heard to soliloquise, Man, I mind when the snaw o' this country was as white as white! Further he fell into a holy fear of his tall wife. So it was his way, ere he went home, to hide his money and his unfinished bottle in some simple hole in the moor, as a dog might a bone. As, when he could never locate his caches and recover his deposits antiquaries of the future may come upon unexpected specimens of the Victorian coinage along with samples of whisky deliciously mellow, and weave in order to account for them, theories much more wonderful than the fact.

Another of Kirstie's troubles was that she had no children. She resolved to adopt a child to be an "espalier" for her affection to cling to. There are many children in our district going a-begging for foster-parents. There are also not a few applicants for them, some because, having no children, they wish an object for their affection and a crutch for their old age, others because they have so many that one more mouth to fill makes little difference, and the sorry weekly pittance helps towards the rent. Kirstie made a series of experiments in this kind, and all proved luckless.

The first boy she adopted would have been a fine advertisement for Mr. Mellin if it had not attained its fatness without the aid of his food. It was a tum of a child, only it had an asthmatic wheeze. It fooled said Kirstie. Nicht and day it was forlin. Ye micht say it was born wi'a fozle. Now one snowy day, lest it should steal out and catch cold, Kirstie took off its boots and stockings. But to the boy the excitement of walking in the snow was greater than the discomfort of old feet, so out he went. Whereupon the inevitable happened. Everyone else saw what was impending, but Kirstie explained away the growing weakness of the invalid as the natural consequence of being in bed. "The sheets and the blankets sooks you, she said But the end came, and with it the pathos of a child's funeral and a heavy strain upon Kirstie's stoical pride.

Her next boy developed a bright, original character, and left a series of whimsical anecdotes by which one might trace the stages of his boyhood. He was still in pinafores when one day while he was crossing the meadow a foal came prancing up to him. He ran for his life, and explained when he got home that he had been near worried to death by a horse's calf. After a period of obstinate questionings (Mither whaur did the first rat come fras? or Mither wha made Gode?) he became zealous for the Sunday school. When, however, he found that prayer was not the lucky-bag he had been led to expect his ardour cooled. I'm thinkin, he said bitterly, the Laard disna fash His thoom aboot the likes o' me. I've been prayin for an elephant for a haill week, and it hasnacome yet. He and his chum, little Jock Sangster, used to watch the black smith shoeing horses, and, getting hammers of their own, shoed everything they met. One day when Kirstie, on all fours, was scrubbing the floor the boy saw his opportunity. Grasping his foster-mother firmly by the fetlock, he gave a pull that sent her sprawling, uttering therewith the necessary formula, "Hand up your fute, ye deevi." It was the last time he swore in Kirstie's presence. When, however, he ought to have taken the country boy's strange passion for the farmyard, for managing horses, driving carts, and standing beween the stilts of a plough he disappointed expectations. At night when the lamps were out he would lie on the hearth reading sea-stories by the light of the peat fire. By day he hung about the docks watching the hydraulic cranes, the great ships coming in from sea, and the foreign sailors unloading their cargo; and if he did not get to sea what good would his life do mim? A voyage or two accordingly he made, and on each return home left Sandy with a fine budget of fresh small talk for his cronies at the bar of the Black Bull—how, when the shaft broke and the propeller dropped off everything on deck leapt into the air, the skipper was tumbled from his bunk, and although steam was at once shut off, the machinery ran wild for two minutes; or how, enclosed in the Baltic floes once, the captain, like a wise icemaster, risked his steering-gear and lashing his tiller amid ships revered his engines, and, steering his course where the ice looked darkest, worked himself out into free water. But he died young also, and his end awoke Kirstie's gift of second-sight. One day when baking oatcakes she was moved to turn and look at the picture of her boy's ship. An amazing thing was happening. A thin vapour which gradually thickened into a smoke was rising from the deck, then a tongue of fire turned it to a sheet of flame, and presently hull and rigging were enveloped. By the time she had brought in the neighbour, Mistress Sangster, the picture was again normal and the smell of fire had not passed upon it. She accepted the omen, however, and when some weeks later, the official letter from the owners came notifying the loss of the ship and that her boy was missing Kirstie was already wearing mourning for his death.

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GERMANY AND FRANCE.

RAPPROCHEMENT ON THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY.

THE MOROCCO QUESTION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, JAN. 29.

On the occasion of the Kaiser's birthday a banquet was given by the German Colony in Paris. Prince Radolin, the German Ambassador who was present, in toasting President Loubet and the President-elect M. Fallieres, said he was convinced that the Conference at Algeciras would result in a solution of the Morocco question satisfactory to all. Franco-German rapprochement, he said, would be the surest guarantee of peace which none desired more than the Kaiser.

At the Reichstag banquet in Berlin Count de Ballestiem, the President, said that the Kaiser's famous landing at Tangier had diverted the Morocco question to a course favorable to Germany, but to ensure peace we must be able to knock on the head any attempting to disturb it. The Reichstag must, therefore, support the Emperor's policy and vote the means for inspiring respect.

Prince Radolin's speech has created an excellent impression at Algeciras, but that of Count Ballestiem, amazement and irritation in view of the cordiality and confidence prevailing there.

KING ALFONSO'S ENGAGEMENT.

Princess Ena in Spain.

LONDON, JAN. 28.

King Alfonso and the Princess Ena are daily motoring together. His Majesty has presented her with a pendant diamond heart.

There is to be a general family gathering at San Sebastian to-day, when the Princess Ena will be introduced to her future mother-in-law.

LORD CROMER TO REMAIN IN EGYPT.

His Administration Eulogised.

LONDON, JAN. 29.

The "Standard" says Lord Cromer's resolve to remain in Egypt is the surest guarantee that the development of the Sudan will proceed uninterruptedly.

The "Morning Post" says that Egypt presents a rare instance of administration influenced solely by the desire to benefit the inhabitants regardless of the vicissitudes of Party.

The "Daily Telegraph" refers to Lord Cromer as one of the most practical of strong men who has ever wielded the pro-consular sceptre for Great B[illegible].

MUSSALMAN CONGRESS AT PETERSBURG.

Stopped by Government.

A Pan Russian Mussalman Congress at St. Petersburg has been prohibited although the delegates have arrived from most distant parts including Turkistan and Tomsk.

The delegates have now appealed to Count de Witte.

THE ITALIANS IN CRETE.

Customs Houses as Hostages.

LONDON, JAN. 28.

The Italians in Crete have demanded an indemnity for the murder of one of their soldiers on the 18th inst., and have seized three Custom Houses as a guarantee in consequence of the refusal of the Cretan Government to pay.

THE SERBO-BULGARIAN CUSTOMS.

Turkish Intervention Repudiated.

LONDON, JAN. 29.

Bulgaria, in replying to the Turkish objections to the Serbo-Bulgarian Customs Union, which is the original cause of the Austro-Servian dispute, refuses energetically to tolerate Turkish intervention.

THE RISING IN ARABIA.

The Insurgents Defeated.

The Turks have defeated the Arabs and recaptured the arms and ammunition lost in the defeat when they had to retreat on Omran.

JAPANESE WAR EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, JAN. 26.

The report submitted to the Japanese Diet puts the war expenditure on the Army at ninety-nine millions sterling and on the Navy at eighteen millions.

OBITUARY.

Sir Elwin Palmer and Karathcodary Pacha, the Turkish diplomatist are dead.

Sir Elwin Palmer was for a few years Governor of the National Bank of Egypt, which position he accepted on resigning the Financial Adviserships to the Khedive. He married a daughter of Major Clogstoun, V. C., educated at Lancing College. Sir Elwin served in the Indian Financial Department from 1871 to 1875 and later on became Director-General of Accounts in Egypt from which he rose to the before-mentioned post. Sir Elwin was born in 1852.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

ADEN, JAN. 29.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. China, with the English Mails of the 19th inst., left here for Bombay at 9 a.m. to-day.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DEATH OF THE KING OF DENMARK.

LONDON, JAN. 29, 4-30 P. M.

The King of Denmark died to-day.

THE "STATESMAN" CASE.

FURTHER PRESS OPINIONS.

FEELING IN CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 29.

Referring to the "Statesman" case, the "Amrita Bazar Patrika" dwells upon the harmlessness of the publication of Lord Curzon's note and asks "where was the necessity for the action taken?" "It would have been different," it adds, "had the Editor of the "Statesman" been prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act" and continues "if he has broken any provisions of that law none could have objected to his being put on his trial. In the present instance, however, Government acts in its executive capacity and this is the most dangerous aspect of the situation. By the exercise of its executive powers it may, by its own sweet will, bring any newspaper under its clutches for publishing any official document however harmless."

The "Hindu Patriot" says: "if the Government of India resented the publication of the document and was not satisfied with the explanation of the Editor, steps under the Indian Official Secrets Amendment Act would seem the straightest, though the severest course open."

Much sympathy is felt for the "Statesman" in their quarrel with the Government of India. Nobody defends or would desire to justify the publication of a confidential document, but it is recognised that for the Government to set itself above the law and to mete out punishment to an accused without trial in a Court of Justice is to create a dangerous precedent which is liable to interfere with the liberty of the Press.

THE "Statesman's" case, says the "Pioneer" shows that there are certain pains and penalties attaching to the publication of a confidential State paper apart from those that may possibly be imposed in a Court of Law. It must be obvious to every one that a Viceroy's note or minute on a file is sacred even though months may have passed since it was written and the matter may no longer form the subject of confidential discussion in inner official circles. The plea that publicity becomes harmless after a certain lapse of time cannot be an effective one in any circumstances. As a matter of fact in this particular instance some of the Native newspapers reproduced the note once it had appeared and fortified their case against the partition of Bengal by moralising upon Lord Curzon's reflections upon Secretariat procedure. This point, it is true, has not been touched upon by the Government of India, who have simply treated the matter as one of journalistic impropriety. Their position is so strong that it seems unassailable, whatever further arguments may be advanced in the attempt to justify publication.

ALLEGED SWINDLE ON THE POST OFFICE.

BOGUS INSURED CURRENCY NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JAN. 29.

A singular attempt to swindle the Post Office on a big scale has been attempted by a Hindu resident of Poona city, named Vishwanath Krishna Sathe. It appears Vishwanath handed in eleven packets for insurance at the Poona City Post Office, alleging the packets contained currency notes of the value of Rs. 21,000. The packets were addressed to Luximondass Balkrisadas at Galanj, in Badami taluka of the Bijapur district, and were duly insured by Vishwanath. The same day the insured proceeded to Galanj and presenting himself at the Post Office there as Luximondass Balkrisadas claimed the insured packets. The Postal authorities at Galanj, however, grew suspicious and refused to make over the packets until the man could satisfy them that he was really the addressee. Vishwanath, unable to prove his indentity was promptly handed over to the police who brought him on to Poona and placed him before the City Magistrate in whose presence the packets were opened. They each contained pieces of blank paper instead of currency notes. The case is fixed for the 12th proximo.

PRINCE ARTHUR AT COLOMBO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, JAN. 28.

H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived at Colombo last night. The landing was unofficial, but His Royal Highness received an enthusiastic welcome and was met by Captain Phipps, the Governor's Aide-de-Camp, and General Lawrence. His Royal Highness drove to Queen's House. A large crowd witnessed the arrival, and the streets have been decorated and illuminated. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur and suite were afterwards entertained at dinner by his Excellency the Governor, the principal officials and Members of the Legislative Council being present.

This morning Prince Arthur went to Kandy and was received by the Kandyan Chiefs. The visit was purely for sightseeing and there was no formal proceedings. His Royal Highness left this evening by the Dongola.

DEALINGS IN CORIANDER SEED.

IN the Bombay High Court, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Batchelor proceeded with the hearing of a suit in which Velji Lalha and others prayed for a decree for Rs. 2,843 against Shamji Gordhan and others. The Hon. Mr. E. B. Raikes, Advocate General, Mr. J. D. Inverarity, and Mr. G. R. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Captain Vaidya, appeared for the plaintiffs, Mr. D. D. Davar and Mr. D. N. Bahadurji, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., appeared for the defendants. The plaintiffs stated that in November last the defendants purchased from them 275 bags of coriander-seed, at the rate of Rs. 33-9 per candy. Plaintiffs subsequently demanded payment, but defendants failed to make it, and denied the claim. Defendants denied the purchase of the goods in question, and submitted to the Court that they had purchased 421 bags of coriander-seed from Shivji Ratansi, who directed the plaintiffs to deliver to them 275 bags. Out of them 263 bags only were delivered. At their delivery the defendants neither expressly or impliedly promised to pay the price to the plaintiffs. Because after the sale, Shivji had taken the benefit of the Act, plaintiffs made the present claim against them. The hearing was proceeded with.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

ARRIVAL AT MYSORE.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

MYSORE, JAN. 29.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Mysore this afternoon and had an imposing reception. H. H. the Maharaja, the State Officials and the Sardars with the Resident, Mr. S. M. Fraser, and staff, received their Royal Highnesses at the Railway station, and they afterwards drove to Government House escorted by the Maharaja's body-guard, the Mysore Imperial Service Cavalry and the local regiment. The route was lined by great crowds and the roads were kept by State retainers, spearmen, the Maharaja's rachewar and bhale forces, the Mysore Infantry and Mysore Horse and the Mysore Company of Bangalore Rifle Volunteers.

Shortly after the arrival of their Royal Highnesses at Government House, His Highness the Maharaja paid a State visit to the Prince, His Royal Highness returning the visit at the Palace half an hour afterwards.

To-morrow forenoon the Prince lays the foundation stone of the Technical Institute and later in the day visits Seringapatam, proceeding thither by motor.

On Wednesday the Royal party proceed to the shooting camp at Karepur.

ALIGARH LEADS THE DAY.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

ALIGARH, JAN. 28.

In the trustees' annual meetings on the 27th and 28th accounts and reports were read by the Honorary Secretary which showed that (1) The College income during 1904-5, Rs. 124,046, increased by eleven per cent. over last year, while the expenditure, Rs. 117,756, increased by eight per cent.

(2). The subscription realized till 31st March 1905, is Rs. 1,23,499.

From April to December, Rs. 1,23,601.
Assured promises Rs. 1,37,800.
Total promised and realized, Rs. 404,900.

(3). The total number of College and school students are now 805 against 657 last year. Of those 675 are boarders.

(4). Buildings have most of them been completed at an expenditure of Rs. 1,34,368.

(5). The trustees elected were their Highnesses the Nawabs of Bhawalpur and Jaora. Her Highness the Begum of Bhopal and Nawab Ahmal Ali Khan Saheb regent of Malerkotla have been appointed visitors of the College.

(6). Nawab Mumlayuddowla Mohamed Fayyaz Ali Khan Saheb Bahadur, C.S.I., has been elected President of the Trustees.

(7). Khan Bahadur Mohamed Muzammilulla Khan Saheb has been elected Joint Secretary of the College.

(8). Raja Ali Mohamed Khan Saheb, C.S.I., of Mahmoodabad, Sirdar Yar Mohamedkhan Saheb C.S.I., Minister, Jaora, Khan Bahadur Colonel Abdul Majid and Khan Saheb, Foreign Minister Patiala, Maulvi Aziz Mirza Saheb, Judge, High Court, Hyderabad, Khan Bahadur Mirza Shujaat Ali Beg Saheb, vice Consul, Persia, Calcutta, Mr. Ghulam Mohamed Munshi, Barrister-at Law, Rajkote (Kathiawar), and Mr. Syed Mehdi Hasan, the extra Assistant Commissioner, Hoshangabad, are elected trustees.

(9). Mr. Pandit Rama Shankar, M.A., Collector of Ghazipur has been elected member of the Board of Management.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 29.

Major Broome, 127th Baluch Light Infantry, is appointed Commandant of the 126th Baluchistan Infantry, vice Colonel Tulloch whose tenure has expired.

The tenure of appointment by Colonel J. C. Young, as Assistant Adjutant-General, Quetta Division, is extended by two years.

Captain Brown, 2nd Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, is appointed Adjutant of the 3rd battalion of that regiment and is ordered Home.

Sanction is given to the appointment of Captain Everitt, 1st Battalion Leicesters, as Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion of that regiment.

HONOUR TO SIR CURIMBHAI IBRAHIM.

A MEETING was held at 5-45 yesterday evening at the Bombay Chamber of Commerce hall, the object being to consider what steps should be taken for the purpose of shewing the regard of the different communities in Bombay for Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim on the honour of Knighthood so graciously conferred on him by H. H. the King-Emperor at the hands of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. A large gathering representatives of the various communities in Bombay was present.

It was proposed by Sir Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy and seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. C. H. Armstrong that H. H. Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan G.C.I.E. should take the chair.

The Chairman read letters from those sympathisers of the movement who were unavoidably unable to attend.

Proposed by Sir Dinshaw Petit, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Supported by the Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas Thackersey carried unanimously. "That with a view to express the gratification felt by members of the different communities of this country on the bestowal of Knighthood upon Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim by His Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor at the hands of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, this meeting is of opinion that an Evening Entertainment should be held in his honour." It was proposed by Mr. J. A. D. McBain, seconded by Mr. S. E. Shellim and supported by Mr. Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy. That a Committee with power to add to their number be appointed for the purpose of organising the Entertainment and making all necessary arrangements in connection therewith. That this Committee be empowered to collect subscriptions and to spend therefrom for the expenses of the Entertainment. That if, after defraying the expenses of the Entertainment, any balance remains from the subscriptions collected, the Committee is to decide how the balance should be disposed of. That the following gentlemen be appointed Honorary Secretaries in connection with the Entertainment:—Sir Harkisondas Narotumdas, Kt., Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtulla, Mr. Jamsetjee Ardaseer Wadia, Mr. Nigel F. Paton, Mr. Karimbhai Adamji Peerbhoy.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

PRESENTATION TO A WEAVING MASTER.

THE operatives of weaving department of the Hindustan Spinning and Weaving Mills presented an address to their Weaving Master, Mr. Sorabji M. Bharucha, on Sunday morning, on his being appointed Weaving Master of the Hongkong Mills. The operatives of the Hindustan, the Hongkong and the Western, with the Spinning and Weaving Masters, Engineers and weads of the departments assembled in the Hindustan Mill premises and the Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas D. Thackersey occupied the chair. After the reading of the address, the Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas presented the same to Mr. Bharucha, with other presents from the operatives, and in doing so eulogised the services Mr. Bharucha had rendered to the Mills, and the important improvements he had made in the department under his charge, and expressed a hope that he would be able to do the same for the Hongkong Mills, to which his services had been transferred. Mr. Bharucha replied in suitable words, and the proceedings terminated.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

THE following are excerpts from the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, held on the 17th January.

The Chairman mentioned that as regards the late auction of lands on Princess Street all the purchasers, with one exception, had paid in their further deposits and in some cases plans had been received in the rough for informal inspection.

As regards the one purchaser who has not paid he understood that the bid was made on a misunderstanding as to which plot was being sold and he was making enquiries as to the destrability of enforcing forfeiture of the deposit in this case for breach of agreement in not paying the further deposit. He mentioned that he made this statement on account of it having come to his ears that certain absurd rumours were current as to some of the buyers endeavouring to get out of their agreements.

Considered application from Mr. Pestonjee Byramjee Lalla for the building lease of Plot No. 70 on the Agripada Estate, in which it is stipulated that the out-houses may be allowed of the height of a ground floor and one upper floor.

The Chairman pointed out that this stipulation was opposed to the condition mentioned in the margin of the Statement of Rents referred to in Trustees' Resolution No. 210 of the 9th September 1902, in which it is stated that outhouses should consist of a ground floor only.

Resolution.—The application is rejected.

Considered the following Resolution of Government in the General Department, dated the 6th January, sanctioning the Police Accommodation Scheme on the Connaught Road Estate:—

Letter from the Chairman, City of Bombay Improvement Trust, dated the 12th October:—

"Pursuant to Sections 39 and 23 (1) of Act IV of 1893 and with reference to letter from Government in the Judicial Department, No. 5733 of the 30th August 1901, I have the honour, on behalf of the Board, to submit, for the sanction of Government, the scheme for Police accommodation on the Board's Connaught Road Estate in the Tarwari Section of Municipal Ward E.

I beg to append as required by Section 23 (2) of the said Act—

(a) A statement giving particulars of the scheme; also item I of the Reclamation Committee's Report of 5th June 1905, adopted by Trust Resolution dated 27th June 1905, having reference to the scheme, and Trust Resolution dated 4th July 1905, declaring that the scheme ought to be made.

(b) Complete plans Nos. 1696, sheets 1 to 6, 3034, 3034 A to D and 3146, approved by the Commissioner of Police and estimates of the cost of executing the scheme amounting to Rs. 51,101 made up as follows:—

		Rs.
1.	Police quarters	16,034
2.	Out-houses	4 651
3.	Detension cells	1,594
4.	Servants latrine	770
5.	Police lines	20 310
6.	Police latrine	2 702
7.	Storm-water drainage, water-supply and sewerage	2 691
8.	Compound walls	2 259
	Total	51 101

including 10 per cent. for contingencies.

This is exclusive of the cost of land which measures about 1,715 square yards and is estimated at 8-25 per square yard. The rate, however, will be ultimately decided by the Collector under Section 51.

3. No land is to be acquired for the scheme as the land required forms part of lands vested in the Trust.

4. The scheme was notified in the Bombay Government Gazette" and in the English and Vernacular paper, The "Bombay Government Gazette," "Times of India," "Advocate of India," "Akabar-i-Islam," "Akhbar-I-Soudagar," "Bombay Vaibhav," 24th and 31st August and 7th September 1905.

5. No representation from the Municipal Corporation has been received under Subsection (1) of Section 37.

6. The probable rent to be paid by Government for the quarters of the officers works out as follows:—

Capital cost.

	Rs.
Land taken at half the area, or 857 square yards at 8·25 per square yard	7,070·25
Quarters, out-houses, and proportion of cost for drainage, water-supply and compound wall	24,005·00
Total for land and building	31,075·25

	Rs.
(a) Quarters	16,034
Out-houses	4 651
Servants' latrines	770
Half cost of drainage and water-supply	1 345
Half cost of wall	1,145
Total	24,005

Probable rent per annum.

	Rs.
4 per cent on Rs. 31 075	1 243
Sinking Fund 1-2 per cent. on Rs 31 075	155
Repairs and insurance 1 1-4 per cent on 9 10ths of Rs. 24 005	270
Municipal taxes at 16 per cent. on 9-10ths of gross rental, say Rs. 1,550 (A)	243
Total	1,916
(A) 4 per cent. on Rs. 7,070, value of land	283
6 per cent. on Rs. 24 005, value of building	1,440
Total	1,723
9-10 of 1 723	1,550·7

which compares with the rent paid by Government at present as follows:—

1 Inspector ... ... Rs. 75 per mensem.
1 Constable ... ... ,, 50 ,, ,,

Rs. 125 per mensem, or Rs. 1,500 per annum.

The probable rent to be paid by Government to the Board for quarters and lines and cells will be—

Capital cost.

	Rs.
Land 1,715 square yards at Rs. 8·25 per square yard	14,149
Buildings	51,101
Total	65,250

Probable rent.

4 per cent on Rs. 65,250	2,610
Sinking Fund 1-2 per cent. on Rs. 65,250	326
Total	2,936

Municipal taxes will pary according to the rate at which they may be levied. The actuals of each year will be payable by Government who will also carry out all necessary repairs.

7 I have to request that the scheme may receive the early sanction of Government.

Letter from the Chairman, City of Bombay Improvement Trust, dated the 1st December.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation, dated the 27th November:

"The City Improvement Trust having in pursuance of Sections 27 (1) and 39 of Act IV of 1893 communicated to the Municipal Corporation of Bombay copy of their notification in respect of a Police accommodation scheme within the area comprised in the Tarwari Section, Municipal Ward E, I am desired by the Corporation to invite the attention of Government to the marginally quoted remarks made in this office letter dated the 5th February 1904, regarding the Agripada Estate Police Accommodation Scheme, and to state that, beyond the objections therein set forth, the Corporation have no other objections to urge against the scheme under discussion."

Section 33 of the City of Bombay Improvement Act provides that, before undertaking a Police accommodation scheme on a representation from Government, the Trust should be satisfied "of the sufficiency of their resources and that it is otherwise expedient." The Trust may have a sufficiency of resources, but the question is whether there are not other more urgent claims on those resources. In the opinion of the Corporation the machinery and the resources of the Trust would for some time to come be better employed on improvement of insanitary areas and the provision of dwelling accommodation for the poorer classes of whom large numbers have been unhoused by the Trust's operations. After sufficient has been done for these more important objects, the wants of the Police, who are on the whole not badly accommodated at present may receive attention. But to push on Police accommodation schemes in such haste when so much remains to be done by the Trust for the more pressing wants of the City appears to the Corporation to be a mode of proceeding which was never contemplated when the Act was passed.

Resolution.—Sanction is accorded to the scheme under Sections 23 and 39 of the City of Bombay Improvement Act IV of 1893.

Resolution.—To be recorded.

2. The Engineer should be asked to prepare the statutory declaration in consultation with the Solicitors if necessary.

Considered, with reference to Trustees' Resolution dated the 27th September 1904, papers underlying Circulars, on the following letter from the Engineer, dated the 22nd December 1905:—

I have the honour to submit herewith a Revised Estimate for the Nagpada Police Scheme, No. XIV. The Estimate is made out in the form required in Government letter of 15th August 1905. I shall be obliged if you will obtain the sanction of Government to the excess of Rs. 9,642-14-11. It is necessary to ask for sanction now instead of after the work is completed, because some Contractors' bills are to be paid now.

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THE GENERAL ELECTION.

LIBERAL GAINS AND LOSSES.

TOTALS.

Liberals	332
Unionists	153
Labour	41
Nationalists	84

GAINS.

Liberals	184
Unionists	13
Labour	30
Nationalists	2

LIBERAL GAINS.

Liberal gains are reported in Bath (2) and Bethnal Green (S. W.) Brighton, Bristol (North) Brixton, Edinburgh (3) Fulham, Cheltenham, Coventry, Dudley, Greenwich, Islington N. S. E., Kennington, Lambeth (North), Newcastle-under-Lyne Norwich, Oldham, St. Pancras (East), Southampton (2) and West Ham, North. Bethnal Green, (S. E.) Birkenhead, Liverpool (3) (Abercromby, Exchange and Walton) Warwick and West Bromwich. Bow and Bromley, Christchurch, Greenock, Hackney, South, Hackney, Kensington (N), Nottinghamshire East, Paddington North, Perth, Salisbury Tower Hamlets (Limehouse, Mile End, Rotherhithe and St. Georges in the East), Tynemouth and White-haven. Berks (Abingdon), Dorset (3), Glasgow (Bridgetown, Central and St. Rollox), Hull (6), Huntingdonshire (Ramsey) Lancashire (Stretford and Middleton), Lincolnshire (Sleaford), Middlesex (Brantford and Sleaford), Oxfordshire (Banbury) Staffs (W). Suffolk (Woodbridge), Surrey (Guildford) Sussex (Eastbourne), Sunderland, Warwickshire (Stratford on Avon), Westmoreland, Wilts (Devizes). Chesire (Eddisbury and Macclesfield) Essex (Maldon) Gloucester (Cirencester) Herefordshire (Leominster) Kent (Tunbridge) Kircudbright, Montgomery (District) Norfolk (South-West) Pembroke (District) Perthshire (West) Suffolk (Sudbury) and Surrey (Chertsey). Anglesey, Bedfordshire (Biggleswade), Beaks (Newbury), Bucks (Buckingham), Cumberland (Eskdale), Dumfrieshire, Glasgow (College), Huntingdon (South), Kent (Faversham), Leicester (Melton Mowbray), Middlesex (Enfield), Nottingham (Bassetlaw), Oxon (Woodstock Park) Peebless. Renfrew (West) Roxburghshire, Somerset (Bridgwater and North). Buckinghamshire (Wycombe), Cornwall (Truro), Falkirk Burghs, Hanfordshire (Walford), Kilmarnock, Lanarkshire, Lancashire (Eccles, Radcliffe and Southport), Northampton (South), Suffolk (Lowestoft), Sutherlandshire, Wilts (Wilton), Worcestershire (Droitwich) and Yorkshire (Otley). Aberdeenshire (East) Ayrshire (South) Cheshire (Hyde and Wirrall) Cumberland (Egremont), Devon (Tavistock), Essex Walthamstow), Hampshire (Isle of Wight), Lincolnshire (Gainsborough), Monmouthshire (Chepstow), Shropshire (Wellington), Somerset (Wells) and Yorkshire (Doncaster). Cambridgeshire (Chesterton), Cornwall (St. Ives). Hertfordshire (Hitchin) Sussex (East Grinstead) Yorkshire (Richmond) and Worcestershire (North). Gloucestershire (Thornbury) Somerset (East) Staffordshire (Leek) Stirlingshire and Yorkshire (Ripon).

LABOUR GAINS.

There are Labour gains in Deptford, Dundee, Finsbury (Central) Leicester, Norwich, Wednesbury Stockport West Ham (South) and Wolverhampton (West). Barrow, Blackburn, Middlesborough and Staffordshire (Hanley). Gateshead. Belfast (N), Glasgow (Blackfriars) Sunderland and Warwickshire (Nuneaton). Northamptonshire (North) and Lancashire (Ince). Kent (Dartford) and Nottinghamshire (Banetlaw). Durham (Barnard Castle), Glamorganshire (Gower) and Yorkshire (Hallamshire). Chesterfield (Derbyshire). Tyneside (Northumberland) Durham N. W.

UNIONIST GAINS.

Hastings, Maidstone, St. Albans, London University, Ayr Burgh, Devon (Totnes), Shropshire (Oswestry), Sussex (Rye), Yorkshire (Burkston Ash), Rye, Whitby, South Dublin.

DEATH OF MR. S. B. SPENCER.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. Sharpurjee Burjorjee Spencer, a Bombay High Court pleader, which occurred on Saturday in Calcutta, whither he had gone on a pleasure trip. He was forty-two years of age and was held in high esteem in legal circles here for his affable nature and genial disposition. He was one of the oldest pleaders in Bombay, and some years ago was selected by Government to act as the Fourth Presidency Magistrate.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday morning, before the work of the Court was resumed, Mr. Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate observed that it was with a feeling of deep regret that he learnt the sad news of the death at Calcutta of Mr. S. B. Spencer, pleader, who had been practising in this Court for a number of years. It was always a pleasure to hear him, for he spared no pains to study his clients' case properly and put it before the Court in the best manner possible. The interests of his clients were ever safe in his hands. His knowledge of law was sound and the marshalling of facts was a matter after which he took special pains. In short, the manner in which he pleaded before the Courts was such that one could not help comparing his pleadings with those of some of the senior barristers. It was indeed a pity that the life of one of the leading lawyers in the Police Courts has been cut short so early by the hand of death.

Mr. N. N. Saher, Bar-at-Law endorsed what had fallen from the Bench remarking that there were many cases, principally the Gordhan Gopal Soni case, in which the way he conducted his case called forth the admiration of Mr. Binding, the then acting Chief Presidency Magistrate.

Mr. De Souza, pleader, on behalf of the pleaders' bar, as a senior member, said it was his melancholy privilege to endorse every word, that had fallen from the Bench and Mr. Saher. If he (Mr. De Souza) were to say more he should be travelling on the same ground already taken but he did not wish to waste his Worship's time. In Mr. Spencer they had lost a hearty friend and a valuable colleague. When he heard the sad news of his death it came upon him as a great surprise and he could hardly believe it. The news was certainly a shock to all of them.

Mr. C. H. Setalvad in taking his seat at the Mazagaon Police Court, yesterday morning, observed that Mr. Spencer was long connected with the Police Courts in Bombay as a zealous and able practitioner. The manner in which he conducted his cases and marshalled his facts was remarkable. In his death the Bar and the Bench as also the public had suffered a loss. He has long filled the post of Magistrate with great dignity and ability. His loss would be greatly felt, but he trusted that the Almighty would give his family the strength to bear this sad bereavement.

Mr. S. G. Vellinker, senior pleader present, on behalf of the members of the Bar endorsed all that had fallen from the Bench and added that he had the advantage of knowing Mr. Spencer and coming into intimate contact with him for many years and in various departments of life. He had known him on the Bench, at the Bar, and in the field of sport, and had been impressed by Mr. Spencer's many real qualities. He endeavoured to excel wherever he went and in whatever he tried. Thus he had acquired an immense practice and popularity as a lawyer, particularly in these Courts. He skippered the Parsi team against the Presidency in an annual fixture some years ago and as his Worship had properly remarked he had filled the office of the Fourth Presidency Magistrate with dignity and rare ability. Mr. Spencer was a great student of human nature and the rare insight into human nature which he had acquired had equipped him eminently to dispose of the many complicated cases that came up before him, and it made him an astute and keen cross-examiner at the Bar. In Mr. Spencer he (Mr. Vellinker) had lost a personal friend and the Bar one of its best men. He felt it would be long before they would forget his personality so dear to all of them.

IT is pleasant to notice that without the stimulus of the Swadeshi movement, one indigenous industry in the Presidency Division of Bengal has made good progress in the last five years. In Mirzapur thana of the Murshidabad district, silk cloth is woven of good quality and the value of the outturn in 1904-5, was nearly Rs. 77,000 as against Rs. 42,000 in the previous year and only Rs. 14,000 in 1900. The demand is said to be gradually rising and the local industry seems now to have a prosperous future before it.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Cotton Spinning in England and the U. S. A.

SALFORD'S NEW DOCK.

THE COTTON OUTLOOK.

LONDON, JAN. 12.

A CORRESPONDENT invites an opinion as to "which has been the more profitable for the period of five years ending December 31, 1905—cotton spinning (both American and Egyptian) in England or cotton spinning in the United States of America." We are sorry that we cannot offer an opinion, but we think that our correspondent will, upon reflection, admit that no opinion by whomsoever offered would be worth much. In the first place, cotton spinning in America is almost invariably a mere department of the manufacture of cotton piece-goods, and not, as in England, a separate business. In the second place, the American industry is mainly in the hands of joint-stock companies, whereas in England (outside the Oldham district) both spinning and weaving are very largely carried on by private firms, whose profits are not ascertainable. In the third place, the apparent profitableness of an industry depends very largely upon the amount of capital embarked in it, and even if we could compare the profits and dividends earned we might be misled by differences in the basis of capitalisation. In the fourth and last place, the profits of the cotton industry are too often affected by speculative purchases of cotton or speculative sales of yarn, and unless it happened that the spinners of both countries had speculated in the same way and to the same extent our comparision of the results would be again vitiated. Having said all this we may suggest that there is at any rate no evidence that spinning has been more profitable in America than here. Indeed the much vaster scale upon which new capital is being introduced into the business in this country might be taken as an indication to the contrary.

It is easy, perhaps, to exaggerate the effect of the elections in disorganising or deferring trade. In the Manchester cotton trade, at least, they make comparatively little difference. Foreign trade, which makes up the greater part of it, is hardly affected at all, for our friends abroad, if they realised that the elections are going on, would certainly not delay their cables, when they considered that prices gave them an opportunity. There may be occasional delays where merchant and manufacturer are keen electioneers, but few firms would allow their interests to go unguarded even at such a time. In the home trade the start of the traveller may sometimes be delayed, and the difficulties of his route, already complicated by the arbitrary distribution of market days, will be increased by the necessity of dodging the polling booth. Of course, we shall all seize the opportunity to waste a little time, but apart from the small minority who will be officially concerned it cannot amount to much. It may be said that the number of absentees from office and warehouse implies a considerable slackening in commercial activity, but this would be to assume that the truants are fully engaged on ordinary days.

THE new dock at Salford (No. 9) was the scene of considerable activity a few days ago. The large twin-screw steamer, Drayton Grange, decked out with bunting in honour of the event, was discharging the first cargo carried by the Houlder line from Australia to Manchester, and special efforts were being made to expedite the work of unloading in order that the ship, which had some wool on board for London, might deliver it there in time for the opening of the auctions on the following week. Out of some ten thousand bales of wool, however, which the Drayton Grange has brought from Australia, over 8,000 bales are going straight to Yorkshire from the Salford Docks, and although the steamer was only berthed in No. 9 Dock on Tuesday evening some of the wool was already on its way to Bradford the following day. The Drayton Grange, besides her Manchester and London cargo, brought large quantities of grain, flour, and other produce for Liverpool, Glasgow, and Ireland, all of which was discharged and transhipped at Manchester.

Another line to which has been assigned a berth in the new dock is the Leyland line of Boston steamers, and in the five transit sheds alongside the dock were to be seen yesterday not only an imposing array of bales of wool from Australia but also immense quantities of American produce ex the Bostonian. Amongst the items on her freight list were 400 head of cattle, nearly 10,000 packages of lard, 2,700 cases of meat, 5,300 barrels of applos, 25,000 bushels of wheat and barley, 950 bags and bales of Sea Island and upland cotton, 17,500 steel billets, and about 13,000 packages of various merchandise. As an example of the dimensions to which the Atlantic trade of Manchester has grown, it may be noted that on the same day as the Bostonian the Manchester Commerce entered the docks from Philadelphia with an equally large and varied cargo, the Ramon de Larrinaga came in from Galveston with 5,919 bales of cotton and 58,000 bushels of wheat and barley, and the Manchester Inventor was docked from New Orleans with 5,820 bales of cotton, 26,000 plates of spelter, 86,000 bushels of corn, 3,700 pieces of lumber and staves, 2,375 barrels of molasses, cotton-seed oil and soap, and lard, 900 cases of canned beef, and 1,000 bags of cotton-seed.

British coal exporters are reading rather sore about the decision of the Cape Parliament in their last session to give a valuable preference to South African coal in arranging for the Government railway supplies for 1906. The expression "South African" coal applies to Natal as well as to Cape Colony coal. In addition to an allowance equal to a duty on imported coal of 10 per cent. South African coal was to be carried on the railways at 1.8d. per ton per mile, against a charge of 3.8d. per ton per mile for imported coal. The Railway Administration recently invited tenders for 394,000 tons of coal for use in 1906. Of this total 300,000 tons were to be Cape Colony coal, and the remaining 94,000 tons either Natal or Welsh coal. The sequal is seen in a message received a fortnight ago from Capetown, which announces that the Durban Colliery Company has secured the contract for 94,000 tons. South Wales has thus lost a valuable order worth about £100,000. The South African market is now a fast dwindling factor in our overseas coal trade.

Messrs. Neill Brothers, of London, have issued a cotton circular. They comment on the smallness of the amount brought to light during the last few weeks, and suggest that this is due to the modern methods of purchasing direct and to the extraordinary efforts to keep cotton back. It appears that Mr. Henry Neill fully confirms his estimate of 11,500,000 bales, and we understand that the "consolidated estimate" of 10,750,000 bales still holds the field. Messrs. Neill Brothers now put forward an estimate of their own, which is 11,000,000 bales, "and possibly more." Their view is that "the spinners of the world are likely to spin up this season not more than 11 3-4 millions of American cotton. To meet this we have, as shown in our last circular, on the basis of a growth of only 10 3-4 millions, a supply, visible and invisible, of not less than 14 1-4 millions of bales. This leaves an almost certain closing stock on 31st August next of 2 1-2 millions (visible and invisible), plus anything by which the season's growth may exceed 10,750,000 bales." Some critics of Messrs. Neill's last circular were not quite convinced about this 14 1-4 million bales supply. It will, however, be satisfactory to the trade as a whole to find that Messrs. Neill see no reason to apprehend scarcity of cotton.

In their Shanghai piece-goods report Messrs. Noel, Murray, and Co., say that the trade during the latter half of 1905 had been terribly disappointing, thanks to the boycott, the floods, and the unwelcome rise in exchange. At the time of writing the market was dull. The report says:—"Clearances are poor, there is no inquiry from stock, and forward business is impossible. Stocks continue to accumulate, and everyone is puzzled to know where the fresh arrivals are to be stored. The export from Manchester last month (November) was

41,000,000 yards of plain cottons alone, while fancy goods row make a big item. The only direct transactions brought to our notice are the public auctions. Prices have been a steady, perhaps, as could be expected with the uncertain and wobbly exchange, and do not call for any special comment. Szechuen is said to have taken nearly 1,000 bales of Manchester goods from second hands during the interval, 12lb. 36in. grey shirtings forming a goodly proportion of the total.

It has been suggested sometimes that there has been lately an increased demand for East Indian cotton, in consequence of the comparative dearness of American cotton. The figures for the season just ended show that exports to Great Britain from January 1 to December 28, 1905, amounted to 26,000 bales, which compares with 97,000 and 77,000 bales in the two previous years respectively. Continently takings were also considerably less, being only 643,000 bales, or 194,000 and 241,000 bales less than during the years 1904 and 1903 respectively. Japan, however, has taken some 303,000 bales more than the previous year, and 35,000 more than in 1903. The stock in Bombay at the end of December held by European and native merchants and mills was 506,000 bales, against 297,000 and 161,000 bales at the end of December in the two previous years respectively.

The prosperity of the United States during the past year is the principal theme of Mr. Henry Clew's annual financial review dated New York, January 2. The year just closed has, he says, been one of extraordinary business activity. It opened in the spirit of doubt; it closes in a spirit of almost dangerous optimism. In both volume and profit the trade of the past year has been much the largest ever experienced—farmer, miner, mechanic, merchant, and financier each having had a share of the proceeds. In short, national prosperity during the past year has far exceeded all previous records. In this prosperity agriculture has had a conspicuous share. Mr. Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, estimates the wealth produced on American farms last year at nearly 1,300 million pounds sterling—£51,000,000 more than in 1904 and £100,000,000 more than in 1903. Mr. Wilson also estimates that as a result of five years' continuous good crops and improved methods of agriculture the value of farms has increased by one-third, or about 1,200 million pounds sterling in the aggregate. Last year's agricultural production as valued by Mr. Wilson is equal to about £16 per head of the population, or say £30 per family of five, and in the aggregate is equivalent to the entire capital stock of the American railways and nearly ten times their net earnings. Unfortunately the wealth thus created tends to accumulate more and more in the hands of a comparatively small class.

A MOORLAND COTTAGE.

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One more attempt proved equally abortive. Certain elements of squalid romance attached to the third child's birth and after-history, but the chief interest of this case was that it proved the affection of the foster-father to be very strong. After two years the child was claimed by its mother. When Kirstie made the usual offer to keep him without payment, it was, to her horror, refused. The night the boy went there was no sleep for Sandy. Even his pipe, supplemented by a stiff jorum of Loch-nagar, did not avail. So this feeble creature, who could not have said "Bo" to a goose, conceived a desperate resolution, he would to town and carry of child by force. He set off at midnight, but when at the shriek of day, he returned it was without the child. He had known the streets and had not mistaken the house, but a six miles' trudge in the darkness had some deal abated his zeal, and although when he stooped with his ear to the keyhole he thought that if only he heard the child crying he would have had courage yet to burst open the door and seize him in his arms, all was perfectly still.

Now Kiratie never required a crutch for her old age. She had no old age. One day she collapsed upon her cottage floor, and in twenty minutes was dead. That afternoon I met Sandy stumping over the hill to the churchyard to make arrangements, and offered my condolences. But he was dazed, and could only say, She slippit awa rale clivver. It was only when the mourners were gathered about the open grave that he realised he was never to see muckle Kirtsie again, and he put his elbows upon a tombstone and wept aloud in the bitterness of his soul.

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THE BANK OF BENGAL.

The following is the Report of the Directors of the Bank of Bengal, for the Half-year ended 31st December :—In the early part of the half-year money was not in much demand, rates were low and the Bank's funds were not fully employed. From the end of September, however, there was a good trade demand at rates rising from 5 to 7 per cent. The average rate for demand loans was 5·094 per cent.

The net profits at Head Office and Branches amounted to Rs. 15,38,416-8-2, which, with Rs. 5,55,934-9-6 brought forward from the previous half year, made a total of Rs. 20,94,351-1-8. This sum the Directors disposed of as follows :—

I.—In payment of a Dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum free of Income Tax... Rs.	10,00,000	0	0
II.—In payment of a Bonus of 1 per cent. to the Shareholders ... ... „	2,00,000	0	0
III.—Transferred to Reserve Fund ... ... „	4,00,000	0	0
IV.—Transferred to Gratuity and Pension Fund ... „	50,000	0	0
V.—Transferred to Bank Premises Account ... „	1,00,000	0	0
IV.—Carried forward to Profit and Loss Account of the current half-year ... ... „	3,44,351	1	8
Rs.	20,94,351	1	8

During the half-year Mr. W. R. T. Aitken resigned his seat as a Director, and the Board, by virtue of Section 29 of the Presidency Banks' Act, appointed in his stead, Mr. G. H. Sutherland of Messrs. Begg, Dunlop & Co.

SCHOOL TREAT AT THE INDO-BRITISH INSTITUTION.

The annual gathering and Christmas Treat of the Indo-British Schools was held on Saturday afternoon in the School grounds.

Sports commenced at 4-30 with races; the boys and girls competing in wrangler's, sack, three legged, thread the needle, eggs and spoons and potato races. These races were entered into with great zeal, giving much amusement to the large number of friends gathered round the field.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. W. A. Dickins, afterwards the children proceeded to the school-room, where a good spread was served to them, many friends waiting on the children, and bon bons being distributed the contents of which gave a cheerful expression to the children.

The parents, friends of the Institution and members of the Church, also found light refreshments in the girls' school-room.

The children then gathered in the large school-room to watch the good ship Prince Arthur arrive from England loaded with toys, and skippered by Father Christmas who discharged his cargo into the hands of each child attending the schools of the Institution now numbering over a hundred.

The whole proceedings were much elivened by music discoursed by a String Band, very kindly supplied by the thoughtfulness of an "Old Boy."

It is hoped that all friends will make it a point of attending the Grand Orchestral Concert, in aid of the Institution, to be given by the Governor's Band at the Town Hall, on the 20th of February.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

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2. The work is completed with the exception of the compound wall and porch estimated to cost Rs. 2,637 which are in hand. The drainage work is completed but the final bill is not yet ready. An approximate amount has been entered for this. Provision has been made for Establishment, the cost of which cannot be ascertained till the end of the year, it being a proportional charge calculated on all the work of the Trust.

3. The excess is accounted for as follows :—Extra necessary items not provided in the Estimates but required by the Police Commissioner account for an excess of Rs. 3,377. These include chulas and smoke pipes and nahnis sanctioned by Government for the Wodehouse Road Police Lines, boarding to the roof and iron barred doors and windows to the cells, small sun-shades for some of the exposed windows and other small items.

4. The item of excess Rs. 2,637 for compound wall and porch has been referred to above. An insufficient provision was made for drainage in the estimate, the excess under this head amounting to about Rs. 2,359.

Resolution No. 11.—The sanction of Government should be requested to the excess of Rs. 9,643 as shown by the comparative statement.

Considered papers underlying Circular on the following letter from the Engineer, dated the 4th January :—

I have the honour to submit for favour of sanction an estimate amounting to Rs. 48 800 for providing 265 temporary rooms for the poorer classes in Scheme III. This estimate includes the provision of 234 rooms in semi-permanent sheds of the same type as those lately constructed on the Kennedy Sea Face—costing Rs. 165 per room, the slight extra cost being due to the increase in cost of corrugated iron at the present time and to the fact that new latrines and washing places have to be provided. A plan, No. 2260, accompanies, showing the proposed disposition of the huts on the vacant piece of land to the north of Charni Road.

2. The balance of the estimate provides for 131 rooms for the poorer classes in houses vacated by the wealthier classes in our Scheme. The work to be done consists of absolutely necessary repairs, new latrines where required, and partition walls, and such other work as the Municipal Bye-Laws require.

I shall be obliged for very early sanction to this estimate against the General Estimate for the execution of Scheme No. III. The work is urgently required to enable road work to be commenced on the Kumbarwada Section, in which there are 337 tenants to be displaced from buildings standings on the line of the new road. The remaining 22, if willing will be accommodated in the new chawls at 1st Nagpada with tenants from the first portion of the Old Nagpada Section.

Read the following note by the Chairman, dated the 9th January.

Scheme III.

For the purpose of enabling active operations to be commenced in Scheme III for which we are otherwise now prepared, it is necessary to find accomodation for the people displaced

The first sections of this new road which it is proposed to undertake are—

(a) from Parel Road to Dongri Street through Mahomedkhan Pakhadi and old Nagpada.

(b) from Trimbak Parashram Street to Duncan Road through Kumbarwada.

For (a) chawls are about to be begun on the Imamwada site and the new chawls just finished at Nagpada will be utilized.

For (b) it is necessary to construct temporary accomodation similar to that on the Kennedy Sea Face on available vacant land pending the construction of chawls on a site in Khetwadi, which has not yet been acquired, but is to be included in the second revision of the Scheme now nearly ready.

When these chawls are built further sections of the Scheme can be taken up.

It is now proposed to construct semi-permanent huts—similar to those on the Kennedy Sea Face—containing 234 rooms, on the vacant land which we have acquired to the North-West of Charni Road, and to carry out some necessary repairs and alterations to certain acquired properties in the neighbourhood to provide additional 131 rooms thus making in all 365 rooms.

In the Kumbarwada Section 337 families have to be dishoused and these 365 rooms with 22 in the new Nagpada Chawls will provide fully for these.

The estimated cost is for 234 rooms in semi-permanent huts..... Rs.	40 154
For repairs and alteration to certain acquired properties to provide 131 rooms..... „	8,646
Total... Rs.	48,800

This includes cost of latrines and drainage and water arrangements.

As regards the item of Rs. 8,646 there is no doubt that this is the best way of utilizing some of our acquired properties of the better class pending demolition. It would cost about Rs. 23,000 to provide semi-permanent huts in place of these 131 rooms. The rent of these rooms will give us about Rs. 3,900 per annum, gross rents.

The 234 rooms in the semi-permanent huts will at Rs. 2-8 per room bring gross revenue of Rs. 7,020 per annum and deducting 40 per cent. for outgoings and supervision the net revenue should be Rs 4 212.

We have to borrow at 4 per cent. and 4 per cent on the outlay of Rs. 40,154 will be Rs. 1,606 per annum and there is thus left Rs. 2,606 per annum which if regarded as Sinking Fund, will suffice to repay the whole outlay in 12 years (on the 4 per cent. table). Even if the huts do not last so long (for they will in due course be removed elsewhere) the importance of rapidly making the new building plots available for leasing out weighs some possible loss.

I accordingly request the sanction of the Board to the estimate of Rs. 48 800, the expenditure to be charged against the Rs 12 lakhs sanctioned for chawl construction in Scheme III.

Resolution.—Sanction is accorded to the construction of semi-permanent huts containing 234 rooms as proposed at an estimated cost of Rs. 40,154, including contingencies, the expenditure being debited to the provision of Rs. 12 lakhs for Chawls in the sanctioned estimate for Scheme III.

The question of altering existing buildings to provide additional 131 rooms should be further considered.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	0	0	6
B Mandvi, Chakla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	3	3	22
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuteshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbarwada ...	5	3	24
D Khetwadi Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Malabarhill ...	0	0	7
E Mazagon, Tarwady, Jail Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	1	1	34
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	0	0	15
G Mahim and Worli ...	1	0	10
Water Division ...	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	1
Hospitals ...	0	0	14
Total ...	10	7	133
Total plague deaths to-date ...	304,987	213,3014	
Same date last year ...	51	39	161

SMALL-POX.

Attacks	Death
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One effect produced by the creation of the Province of Eastern Bengal and Assam is that Bengal finds itself, for the moment, rather short of Civil officers. It has had to meet the wants of its new neighbour, and some of its picked Civilians have now to look to Dacca instead of to Calcutta for orders. There will be little furlough granted in either Province this spring, for the work will be heavy in both, and the Civil Service has no reserve upon which to draw. The readjustment of the cadre in Bengal is being worked out, and matters will right themselves eventually. Eastern Bengal and Assam probably knows already how large a staff it will need so that its furture cadre can be exactly estimated. Candidates coming on for the C. S. examination at Home are in luck just now, as there will be an unusually large number of vacancies to be filled next June.

THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

THE STATE OF RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5 ("Times").—The Transcaucasian railway is reported to be in the hands of the revolutionaries.

The Government troops have won further victories in the Donetz region.

General Linevitch has, at last, succeeded in reopening telegraphic communication between Kharbin and St. Petersburg, but the railway appears to be at the mercy of the returning reservists, who shunt all trains except their own, thus delaying among other things, supplies of butter and eggs destined for the English market.

The revolutionaries in the Baltic Provinces are capturing landlords and Russian officials as hostages.

The Liberal journals declare that the troops in Moscow were allowed to perpetrate wanton slaughter, and the Moscow "Viedomosti," the oldest Liberal organ in Russia, has been arbitrarily suppressed for publishing a moderate protest against wholesale executions without process of law. An enormous number of persons are being arrested in the provinces, and railway employes are being dismissed "en masse."

Warsaw, Jan. 5 ("Reuter").—A message from Radom states that yesterday a bomb was thrown at M. Stanklewicz, acting chief of police, shattering both his legs. A lady and a lieutenant of infantry who were passing along the street were dangerously wounded. The assassin escaped.

THE BALTIC RISING.

The Warsaw correspondent of the "Echair" (Jan. 5) telegraphs that the Russian troops operating from Dvinsk and Valk are encountering almost insuperable difficulties in their work of repressing the Lettish revolution. The districts in which their campaign is being carried on are almost entirely unfurnished with military supplies, and the troops are obliged to have recourse to the Jews, who take advantage of the opportunities offered to advance their propaganda among the members of the army. The Lettish forces are composed of some 60,000 men, all well armed. Their cruelty and vandalism, says the correspondent, are almost incredible. In the neighbourhood of Gapsal and Werian all the many castles that marked the countryside have been razed to the ground, and the destruction of these ancient residences of the nobility has in many cases resulted in the total loss to the world of art collections which can only be described as priceless; as, for instance, at the Ostensaken Castle, where a magnificent collection of paintings and other objects of art was burned by the insurgents. No vessels are allowed to leave the ports except by express permission of the revolutionists.

A report in the Paris "Matin" that a proposal of a Russian loan of £32 000 000 made by a delegate of Count Witte to the French Government met with an unfavourable response from M. Rouvier, on account of the political situation in Russia, is confirmed by the "Temps" (Jan. 7), which, however, states that French financial firms would be prepared to consider, on certain guarantees, an advance to the Russian State Bank of the gold necessary to maintain the rate of exchange of the rouble.

A "Times" correspondent wrote on Jan. 3 from Warsaw :—As a political demonstration the strike in Warsaw has been a most lamentable failure, serving mainly to demonstrate the lack of political unanimity in the town, while its economic effects have served to increase the distress which was already keenly felt in every quarter. The general desire for a return to normal existence is strong.

So far as I have been able to observe during the last few days the measures taken for the preservation of order have been, as I telegraphed last night, well considered, and their execution has been characterised by moderation. The authorities have acquitted themselves with credit and the troops have shown a desire to avoid unnecessary violence or bloodshed.

STATEMENT BY COUNT WITTE.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7 ("Reuter").—Speaking of the situation at home to a representative of the official St. Petersburg Telegraph Agency to-day, Count Witte admitted that the condition of affairs in Russia was perturbed but said that if all were true that had been daily written in the foreign Press concering Russian affairs for the last few years, she would long since have ceased to exist. Russia, however, did, and would continue to exist, for notwithstanding the gravity of the present crisis, she would emerge from it rejuvenated.

A St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Times" says (Jan. 8) that the holidays have passed quietly. Arrests and searches continue without intermission. This correspondent adds :—The Government is entirely without news from the Caucasus. The semi-official organs have applied for information to the Turkish Embassy, which, however, is in the same position. According to the newspapers, the Viceroy has fled to Tiflis and has taken refuge in a fortified monastery. It is reported that the mountaineers have proclaimed a "jehad," and are murdering all Christians in Transcaucasia.

Officers returning from Manchuria say that the whole Siberian rail-road and the principal towns are in the hands of the reservists and strikers. The commandant at Irkutsk is a lieutenant. The troops are electing their own officers.

The agrarian movement is spreading northward and eastward.

On the 9th he reported—The official reports of successes gained in the operations undertaken by the Government in the Baltic provinces do not tally with the telegrams sent to the "Novoye Vremaya," the correspondent of which paper at Mitau telegraphs that the revolutionary government is all powerful throughout Courland with the exception of two or three districts where the troops which have been sent are in sufficient numbers to crush opposition. The correspondent declares that the revolutionaries have annexed Crown lands and forests and maintain perfect order. They have instituted draconian punishment for offences against property; marriages are celebrated under the red flag, and Socialists preach from the pulpits.

St. Petersburg Jan. 10—Count Witte, in receiving yesterday a deputation from the League of Oct. 30, which came to complain of the suspension of the law on meetings and the consequent impossibility of an electoral campaign, assured them that the present restrictions would be cancelled before the end of January. He offered to make an immediate exception from the present repressive measures in favour of the league, but the deputation declined the offer.

Count Witte further declared that it was not he but M. Durnovo, who insisted on the necessity of the aforesaid measures, but he dared not assume responsibility for the bloodshed that would result from their suspension. He drew an awful picture of the revolution at Moscow and of the heroic exploit of the soldiers in saving the whole city from destruction by dynamite. There was a time when he sought the confidence of the people, but such illusions are no longer possible. I have always been an opponent of repression, but am now compelled to resort thereto as the result of having trusted my countrymen. Count Witte added mysteriously :—I know how to save Russia.

IN THE CAUCASUS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—A telegram from Rostof on the Don says that the revolutionaries hold out for 10 days against artillery fire. The Baku express arrived here 20 days overdue. The passengers relate that the mountaineers tried to rush Tiflis, but the city was saved by the Armenians, who completely routed their assailants. The Cis-Caucasian railways have now reopened. An expeditionary corps is proceeding across the mountains to reconquer Transcaucasia. It is rumoured here that several Turkish army corps are stationed on the frontier.

THE MOROCCO QUESTION.

FEELING IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Jan. 6 ("Times").—As the date of the Conference approaches there appears to be considerable uneasiness felt in various German unofficial circles regarding the state of international relations and the circumstances in which the representatives of the Powers will assemble for the discussion of the Morocco Question. This feeling is described as having influenced the Bourse to-day and as partially explaining a fall of three-tenths in the German and Prussian Three per Cents.

There is a good deal of discussion regarding the appointment of the Marquis Visconti Venosta to represent Italy at Algeciras, since it is remembered that although as Foreign Minister he was doubtless a loyal supporter of the Triple Alliance, he was nevertheless the reputed initiator of the Franco-Italian "rapprochement." According to the "National Zeitung," "this statesman, moreover knows very well that the Morocco Conference can only adopt binding decisions if it is unanimous, so that there can be no question of anyone's being outvoted. In certain eventualities the present legal position, which is based upon the Madrid Convention of 1880 would continue in unimpaired validity."

The declarations of Sir Edward Grey at Alnwick with regard to the intention of the British Government to fulfil in letter and in spirit all the obligations contracted by their predecessors towards foreign Powers is universally noted without comment.

The "Tribuna," Jan. 5, published a conversation which its representative in Berlin is reported to have had with Herr Esternaux, Councillor of Legation in the Imperial Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The official declared that Morocco was a "casus fœderis" for the allies of Germany, because the Powers comprising the Triple Alliance all foresaw aggression on the part of France, no matter what might be the cause.

Rome, Jan. 6 ("Reuter.")—The Italian Ambassador in London has been summoned to Rome to confer with the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the subject of the co-operation of the British and Italian Governments at the Algeciras Conference. Col. Fermara, who was designated to take part in the Conference, will not now go to Algeciras, lest he may create embarrassment to the Government, owing to his delicate position as director of the arms factory at Fez.

Jan. 7.—The "Stampa" says :—"We deplore the fact that Signor Tittoni encouraged non-Mediterranean Powers to raise claims with regard to Morocco, thus rendering the coming Conference possible. He should have remembered that when in former times France fortified Bizerta, Italy called for the intervention of Germany and that from Berlin came the reply : 'Germany is not a Mediterranean Power, and has no interests to defend in Northern Africa.' If Italy had done her duty, the pretensions of Germany would have encountered the opposition of all the Powers, and she would have renounced her views on Morocco."

A MAGISTRATE'S ORDER REVERSED.

WORSHIP OF SHREE VITHOBA AT PANDHARPUR.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, presiding at the High Court, have disposed of an application for revision by Balkrishna Dattatrya Badve, applying for revision of an order passed by Mr. G. P. Thakar, First Class Magistrate of Sangola, on the 26th May, 1903, under section 147 of the Criminal Procedure Code, in the matter of the worship of Shree Vithoba at Pandharpur. Mr. Branson and Mr. Setlur, with Mr. S. S. Patkar, appeared for the applicant, Mr. G. S. Rao appeared for the opponent.

It was stated for the applicant that one Dynashwar Dadajee and others, who are the Badves and chief priests and managers, made an application to the District Magistrate of Sholapur, complaining that a dispute likely to cause a breach of the peace existed between them and the respondents concerning certain rights to perform "allankar" worship of the idol of Shree Vithoba at Pandharpur, and praying that proceedings under section 147 of the Criminal Procedure Code might be taken. The application was referred to Mr. G. P. Thakar, First Class Magistrate, who held that no proceedings under section 147 could be held, and refused to act in the matter. On application by one of the Badves, the High Court directed that inquiry should be held according to section 147 of the Code. The Magistrate having held afterwards that a dispute likely to cause a breach of the peace existed, proceeded to decide whether any right of use existed, and also to decide the rights of the parties according to the decisions of the civil courts. With regard to the Benaries, the Magistrate passed an obviously wrong order; and on an application for review, he admitted that his order was wrong, but that he had no power to correct it and referred the parties to the High Court. The latter subsequently sent back the case to the same Magistrate to record definite orders. That was done, and on their being forwarded to the High Court, the latter passed an order—"No order need be made; any party aggrieved may hereafter apply."

The applicant now prayed the High Court to send for the record and proceedings and to set aside some of the orders of the Magistrate. It was alleged that the order of the High Court of 26th June 1903, to give effect to the decisions of the civil courts, had not been properly carried out, and that the Magistrate had not properly given effect to the decision of the civil courts defining the rights of the parties; that the Magistrate had erred in holding that the act of washing the feet of the idol was to be performed by the pujaries and not by the Badves, that he had erred in holding that the Benaries should be allowed to chant the "mantras" (i.e. incantations) at an "allankar" worship, and that the Badves should not prevent them from doing so, etc.

Mr. Justice Russell, in giving the Court's decision, said: "We are not now concerned with the question whether the First Class Magistrate had jurisdiction to entertain these proceedings. The question is whether he had jurisdiction to pass the order which he has passed under section 147. We are of opinion that the order passed is one he had no jurisdiction to pass as it does not decide any disputed right as to the use of any land or water. Schedule 5 No. 24 of the Code, indicates the nature of order contemplated under section 147. We must further observe that the order passed by the Magistrate is not intended to be a temporary order as required by section 147. The dispute analogous to that in the Bombay Law Reporter, 583, in the case re Vandeo, in which it was observed "a possible breach of peace was apprehended, and therefore the Magistrate was competent to deal with it under chapter 8 of the Criminal Procedure Code." But that is no justification for passing such an order under section 147 as the terms of that section do not contemplate. We accordingly reverse the order passed by the Magistrate on the 26th May 1903.

THE WEATHER.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 29TH JANUARY.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. More rain wanted generally.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rapeseed requires rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Moultan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities. Wheat and rapeseed doing badly.

Delhi.—Bright no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Agra.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Benawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Khamgaon.—Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Dhulia.—Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgaon.—Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening.

Wadhwan.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening. Present weather may improve cotton yields slightly. Cotton healthy. Crop excellent, picking commenced and arrivals expected early.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Seasonable. Cotton picking general.

Sholapur.—Dewfall insufficient. All crops suffering from too little rain.

Hubli.—Sunshine cloudy. Mornings cold. Cotton plants look well but fine weather wanted for weeding.

Bellary.—Rain general over district. Cotton plants expect only slight damage owing to recent rains.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON MONDAY, THE 29TH JAN.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been irregular showing a brisk to rapid rise in Sind, the Punjab, Rajputana and Central India and at Agra and a brisk to rapid fall at Bashire, Ratnagiri, Mormugao and Karwar.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh to light.

Temperature.—The maximum is 6° to 7° in defect of normal at Ratnagiri, Poona, Malegaon, Indore and Veraval and the minimum 6° to 9° at Ajmere, Rajkot, Bhavnagar Para, Veraval, Hoshangabad, Khandwa and Malegaon. The highest temperature in the shade was 92° at Bellary and the lowest 41° at Sirsa.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in Mysore and at a few stations in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies and at Raipur and Nagpur. Rain.—Nil.

Weather.—Barometrical gradients are very steep and fresh to strong northerly winds are likely to blow on the West Coast.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

One of Smith Minor's most profound sophisms has just reached us. In a general information paper set at the close of last term the question was asked, "What is the Budget?" An ingenuous youth has answered. "A comic statement issued for the amusement of the people or England."

RELIGIOUS REQUESTS AND TRUSTS AMONG MAHOMEDANS.

Yesterday at the High Court the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar heard a suit in which Shamsudin Gulamhusen and Gulamhusen Abdulali were plaintiffs, and Abdulhusen and Abdulbhoy, sons of Kalimudin Amirudin, were defendants. Plaintiffs claimed to be heirs of Fatmabai, who was the mother of the first plaintiff, the wife of the second plaintiff, the daughter of the deceased Kalimudin, and sister of the two defendants. They prayed that the Court should construe certain documents called Wakafnamas, and asked to be decreed their share in Kalimudin's property. Mr. Inverarity, Mr. D. D. Davur, and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Bhaishankar, Kanga and Girdharlal, appeared for the plaintiffs. The Hon. Mr. Raikes, Advocate General, and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Payne & Co., appeared for the defendants. In consequence of the religious bequests and trust created by the "Wakafnamas," the Advocate General was added to the pleadings as the third defendant, in virtue of his office as Trustee of Charities.

The plaint set forth that Kalimudin died on 25th June 1900, leaving two sons, who were the first and second defendants in the suit, and a daughter, Fatmabai. He was possessed of immovable properties, which were five houses in Bombay, and two houses in Cambay, collectively valued at 1,75 000. On 25th November 1887, Kalimudin obtained from Fatmabai a release of her share, for a consideration of Rs. 5,000. On 29th October 1895, Kalimudin obtained from his daughter, Fatmabai, a Gujerati writing, by which, in consideration of Rs. 9 000 agreed by him to be credited to her in his books, he got from her a release relinquishing her rights of inheritance to his property. On this sum, only Rs. 270 were annually paid to her as interest. On 9th June 1897, Kalimudin executed a certain writing whereby he dedicated the properties in Bombay to certain charities; by another writing, dated 9th September 1897, he created a trust of the Bombay properties under certain conditions; of all these, he appointed the first defendant the sole trustee. As such, the first defendant was to get one-third of the net income; provision was also made for the maintenance of the second defendant. The monthly income of all these properties amounted to Rs. 940. None of the directions in favour of the charities were carried out by the first defendant. Provisions in the Wakafnamas in favour of the settler's family were void; and, the plaintiffs as heirs of Fatmabai (who died on 21st April 1905) and the first two defendants, were entitled to share the property amongst themselves. Plaintiffs prayed that the document in question should be construed by the Court; valid charities should be ordered to be established and carried out; and they (plaintiffs) should be declared entitled to their proper share in the distribution of Kalimudin's property.

The first defendant in his written statement submitted that the Bombay properties were worth only one lakh of rupees, not Rs. 1,50,000 as alleged. The document was passed to him by Fatmabai and not to Kalimudin, his father, by which she agreed to sell to him her share for Rs. 5,000, of which Rs. 500 were paid to her as earnest-money; the balance Rs. 4,500 were to be paid to her on her executing a proper assignment. This was not done; therefore this defendant counter-claimed the specific performance of this agreement, as agreed to in February 1888. Plaintiff had no concern with the Wakafnamas; the indenture of the trust settlement was never indended to be acted upon; it was merely a sham and colourable deed by Kalimudin to frighten and coerce the creditors of the second defendant. On the Cambay properties this Court had no jurisdiction. The income from all the properties was Rs. 911; and the properties were not affected by the Wakafnamas.

The Advocate General, who was the third defendant, stated that he submitted himself to the decrees or orders of the Court. The hearing of the suit was proceeded with.

HIGH COURT.—January 30.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Short Causes.

627-05—Tyabji D and Co—Bai Kulsumbai vs Jenooji Jafferji and another and Madhavji and K

638-05—Khunderao S and L—Bunchordas Triblowandas Mody vs Gowasji Johangir and others

801-05—In person—Nathumal Dhula and others vs Ramji Antoue Nakhwa

824-05—Bhaisunker K and G—Rai Bahadur Kasturchand Shivchand vs Bakhtavarmal Ajitmal and others

825-05—Khunderao S and L—Bhoota Lumma and others vs Ramrao Mukundrao—Sorabji and J

819-05—Captain and V—Dinshaw Bomonji vs Ahmed E-mail Munshi

838-05—Bhaishunker K and G—Joculdas Motichand vs Cursetji Eloiji Ghaswala and another—K J Billimoria

835-05—Matubhoy J and M—Bai Chooni widow vs Govinji Kapur

903-05—In person—Virchand Vhora and others vs Aga Shah Rookh Shah Akber Shah

Long Causes.

752-05—Sorabji and J—Morarji Mohunji vs Messrs Kapadia Brothers—Mulla and M—Part heard

333-04—Bhaishunker K and G—Shamsoodin Goolamhoosen another vs Abdoolhosen Kahlenfoodia and others—Payne and Co and Little and Co—Part heard

420-05—Sorabji and J—Abdul Latif Haji Mahomed Jitayker vs Abdul Rehman bin Abdul Kader Jitaker Captain and V

499-01—Edgelow G and W—Haji Mahomed Mehdi Malik Poljar vs Arthur David Sassoon Wadia and B

250-99—Edgelow G and W—Haji Mahomed Mehdi Malik Toljas vs Sir E E A Sassoon Baronet and others—Wadia G and B

46-01—Madhavji and K—Lalman alias Lalloo Ramprasad and others vs Dossey Devji and others—Ardeshir H D and Co

638-05—Matubhoy J and M—Partapchand Gulabchand vs Bai Samrath widow Muljiand D—For postponement

432-05—Bahanjir and S—Shirinbai widow vs Abdulla Haji Mahomed and others Thakurdas and Co and Captain and V

884-05—Mansukhlal J and H—Bai Gangabai and others vs The Madras United S and W Mills Co Ltd—Pestonji R and K—B M and K—M and R

852-05—Mansukhlal J and H—Bai Gungabai widow and others vs The New East India Prices Co Limited and others—Pestonji K and K B M and B and Hiralal S

355-05—Matubhoy J and M—Damji Hirji vs Ruttonbai widow—Captain and V

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Batchelor.

Long Causes

882-05—Captain and V Velles Ludha and others vs Shamjee Gordhan a firm Payne and Co. Payne and Commercial Cases.

649-05—Little and Co—John Aitchison Begbie and anothers vs Narrondas Bisecurdas and others

Long Causes.

643-01—Bhaishunker K and G Bai Aimbai widow vs Haji Abdool Razak Haji Abubucker and others Payne and Co and B K and G

683-05—Daphtary F and D—Balubhai Navalchand vs New chand Tarachand

285-01—Wadia G and Co—Rowji Sakulchand and Co vs Runchoredas Dharsey—Little and Co

57-01—Tyabji D and Co—Sukhasand Gurmukhrai and others vs Chandrabhan Mohunlal and others—Payne and Co

571-05—Thakurdas and Co—Rahimbhoy Velloo Mahomed vs Vithoba Kavats Patil and another—Raghavaya and B

690-03—Edgelow G and W—Mathuradas Damodardas and other vs Vandrawandas Soondarji and other Tyebji D and Co

320-01—Pestonji R and K Elji Umersaj and other vs Bai Motivahu widow—Tyebji D and Co

852-01—K J Billimoria—Abdul Hoosain Allibhoy vs Jansmbai—Chtnis and M

624-05—Raghavaya and B—Vassonji Pragji vs Chena Nanji and others—Mulla and Nand Little and Co

173-05—Shamrao and M—Maneckchand Kapurchan vs Utamo and Jaitha and others—K J Billimoria

385-05—Muljiand Dand Capiain and V Murbai widow and others vs Vela Natha and others—Madhavji and K M J and M and M H M

570 0—Edgelow G and W—Bai Brijkuvarbaeo widow vs Jaisukhlal Parmanandas and another—Daphtary F and D

Before the Hon Mr Justice Scott

For Judgment.

739-05—Payne and Co—N C Macleod vs Rahimtoola Dadabhoy—Thakurdas and Co

Suits for hearing and final disposal

Long causes

675-04—Sorabji and J B—L Moniz vs E A deSouza and others—Captain and V

861-05—M B Chothia—Cooverbai widow vs Pestonji Dadabhoy Bhandara—Mulla and M

331-05—Crawford B and Co—The Municipal Corporation of Bombay and another vs Hirji Ardeshir Dady and another—Ardeshir H D and Co—and Thakurdas and Co

109-05—K & B Mehta—Ahmadbhoy Someji vs Sariaram Ramji Balkrishna & M

311-05—Muljiand D—Damodardas Hurjivandas and others vs Narbadabai and others—Mulla and M

15-05—Tyabji D and Co—Baldeodas Nensukhdas and others vs Luchminarayun Ramchand—Hicknell M and B

445-05—In person—Soherbai widow vs Dadoba Damodji—Sorabji and J

209-05—Crawford B and C—N C Macleod vs Aish abai widows and others

84-05—In person—Shs Pashirdas Surchand vs She Naro tam Dwarka and others—Ardeshir H D and Co

479-03—Shamrao and M—Cawasji Jivanji Dasuvaba vs Jangaan Dhamaji and anothers—M R Vakil

838-04—Hoshangabad—Fakrali Nyas irwanji Tantra vs Parshoo Morabaand others—Hiralal D

Before The Protonotary.

For Investigation of Pauperism,

30-05—Tyabjee D and Co—Somitabai widow vs Vithul Moorar and others—Edgelow G W and Co

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ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

On December 7, Giacobini, of Nice, discovered a new comet. It was then near Arcturus, and moving slowly towards the sun. A calculation of its orbit shows that it is now rapidly approaching, and that it will reach perihelion about January 20. It will then be within 20,000,000 miles of the sun, but although much brighter than Low, will not be a conspicuous object. The whole period of the new comet's visibility in northern skies will only extend over a few weeks.

A remedy for snake bites has long been sought, and many have been suggested. The use of permanganate of potash has been advocated by Dr. Lauder Brunton, and found useful in some cases. It must, however, be applied immediately. Some experiments and observations carried out by Mr. Greengrass, of North Arcot district, Madras, lead him to conclude that acetic acid, even in the diluted form of vinegar, is an important and effectual remedy. And it can be applied effectually as long as an hour, or an hour and a half, after the bite. Cases of recovery from snake bites have followed the application of vinegar after such intervals. An incision must be made over the bite, and as much blood as possible squeezed out. Then vinegar is to be injected. If the bite is on a limb, a ligature must be placed above it.

Mr. Greengrass records 20 cases of recovery from cobra bites by such a use of vinegar. The one failure which occurred was due to the fact that no incision had been made over the bite. A similar treatment is recommended for the stings of scorpions.

A note from Madagascar records the curious case of a dog catching fish. The dog walked into the water until just in his depth, and stood perfectly still, like a heron fishing. It then darted down its head and brought up a fish. Coming to the shore with its prey, it laid it down and ate it. Then it went into the water again and caught another. A native boy who was with the observer did not seem to think the occurrence anything extraordinary. The dog was apparently one which had run wild.

A species of Setularian or sea fir, may often be seen growing on the shell of the pecten—or scallop—as exposed for sale in the fishmonger's shop. A related group—the Hydractinia, also compound animals—form a sort of horny crust over the shells of various species. Musca, in the Annals of Natural History, Baron Noposa describes what appears to be a very remarkable case of the association of two similar organisms in Eocene times. The fossil genus Kerunia, from the Fayum district of Egypt was regarded by Mayer-Eymar as a Cephalopod while Oppenheim considered it a Hydractinian. Baron Noposa's view is that this fossil from was the result of a very close association of a species of Cephalopod with an encrusting Hydractinian. The association was close enough to be considered a case of symbiosis together for mutual benefit. The Hydractinian built up the shell of the Cephalopod which in its turn fixed and controlled the growth of the former.

The botanical relationship between tropical Africa and America suggests to A. Engler a land connection between the two continents. A list is given of the identical or related species in the tropical regions of the two continents. In the majority of cases it is possible to assume transport across the ocean, but there remain a number—forest, water, marsh, and steppe plants—which cannot have been thus transported. The community between the two floras is best explained by assuming a land connection, in the form of a continent or large islands, between the mouth of the Amazon and Biafra Bay, in West Africa. The large South American element, again, in New Zealand suggests to L. Cockayne a former land connection between these countries.

Some investigations recently carried out by Vittorio Peglion suggest that the skin disease known as pellagra, which occurs among people who use chestnut meal as an article of diet, is due to a fungus. Peglion found that the familiar blue mould (Penicillium glaucum) was always present on decaying chestnuts, whether old or fresh gathered. The mould was cultivated, and a test for detecting poisonous qualities applied. A thin layer of the liquid containing the mould became of a bright green colour showing the presence of the poisoning phenol. Chestnut meal containing the mould is therefore thought to be the cause of pellagra.

Aragotite is the name of a rare mineral found in quicksilver mines. It was first described as a new mineral from the New Almaden mine, California, in 1872. For a long time, although the mineral was quoted in text books and to dealers' catalogues, the only specimen seems to have been the one presented to the Californian Academy of Science by its discoverer, Mr. F. E. Durand. In a paper recently read before the Royal Microscopical Society, Mr. H. G. Hanks describes a yellow hydrocarbon mineral from the Aetna quicksilver mine, Napa county, California, which he considers to be aragotite. It is a honey-yellow, transparent substance, slightly heavier than water, and composed of carbon and hydrogen.

In connection with this mineral the almost universal association of hydro-carbon minerals with ores of quicksilver is pointed out as an interesting and unexplained fact. The well-known mines of Idria in Austria, Almaden in Spain, and Huancavelica in Peru all contain such hydro-carbons. In the quicksilver mines of California also they are abundant—so abundant in some mines as to interfere, with the treatment of the ore. In one mine a jet of natural gas had been burning for many years, and when it was extinguished crystals of cinnabar (sulphide of mercury) were found lining the opening through which the gas came. These were scraped off, and the gas re-lighted. When it was again extinguished after some months a fresh crop of crystals was found. This suggests some important connection between the presence of hydro-carbons among the ores of mercury, and the origin of the latter.

Insects as carriers of disease was the subject of an address given by Mr. A. E. Shipley before the British Association at Pretoria. One of the most remarkable cases is that of the two species of gnat which carry the disease known as filariasis. This is caused by a minute embryonic round worm which swarms in the blood in almost incredible numbers. Between six and seven o'clock in the evening these worms begin to invade the blood vessels of the skin, increasing in numbers until about midnight. Five or six hundred of them may sometimes be counted in a single drop of blood. Then they begin to diminish in numbers, and by the morning have all retired to the larger blood vessels and lungs.

One purpose of their nightly migration to the surface vessels is to secure a suitable place for their further development. The gnats, which serve as second hosts to the worm, bite at nights, and some of the worms thus pass into the stomachs of the insects. From thence they make their way to the great thoracic muscles, where they remain for three or four weeks, growing and developing in the mouth and alimentary canal. At the right time they make their way to the proboscis of the gnat, and here they are ready to pass back into their first host man. The gnat bites, and the worm passes through the puncture into the body. It makes its way to the lymphatic glands, and the female then pours into the lymph a stream of embryos, which soon reach the blood vessels. The former state of things is repeated, and filariasis is developed.

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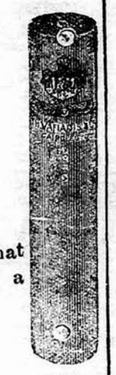

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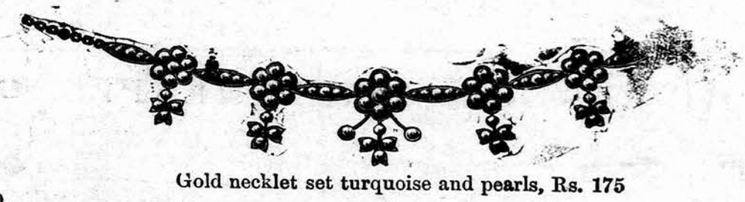

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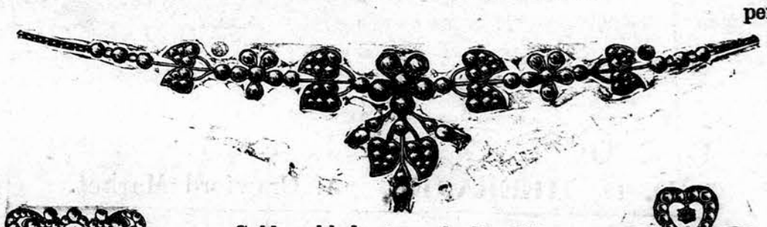

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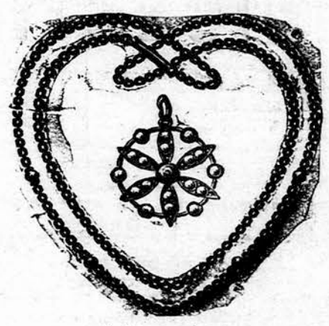

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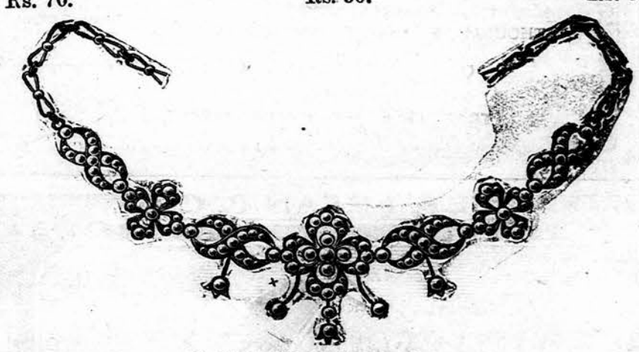

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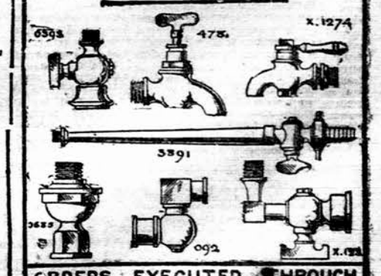

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